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SYSTEM OF TRANSLITERATION ADOPTED.

A—For the Dēva-nāgarī alphabet, and others related to it—

अ *a*, आ *ā*, इ *i*, ई *ī*, उ *u*, ऊ *ū*, ए *e*, ऐ *ē*, ओ *o*, औ *ō*, औ *au*.

क <i>ka</i>	ख <i>kha</i>	ग <i>ga</i>	घ <i>gha</i>	ङ <i>ṅa</i>	च <i>cha</i>	छ <i>chha</i>	ज <i>ja</i>	झ <i>jha</i>	ञ <i>ña</i>
ट <i>ta</i>	ठ <i>ṭha</i>	ड <i>ḍa</i>	ढ <i>ḍha</i>	ण <i>ṇa</i>	त <i>ta</i>	थ <i>tha</i>	द <i>da</i>	ध <i>dha</i>	न <i>na</i>
प <i>pa</i>	फ <i>pha</i>	ब <i>ba</i>	भ <i>bha</i>	म <i>ma</i>	य <i>ya</i>	र <i>ra</i>	ल <i>la</i>	व <i>va</i> or <i>wa</i>	
श <i>śa</i>	ष <i>ṣha</i>	स <i>sa</i>	ह <i>ha</i>	ळ <i>ḷa</i>	र <i>ra</i>	ट <i>ṭha</i>	ळ <i>ḷa</i>	ळ <i>ḷha</i>	

Visarga (:) is represented by *ḥ*, thus क्रमः *kṛamaḥ* Anuswāra () is represented by *m*, thus सिंह *simh*, वस *vaś* In Bengali and some other languages it is pronounced *ng*, and is then written *ng*, thus बंग *baṅga* Anunāsika or Chandra-bindu is represented by the sign *~* over the letter nasalized, thus मे *mē*

B—For the Arabic alphabet, as adapted to Hindōstānī—

ا <i>a</i> , etc	ح <i>j</i>	د <i>d</i>	ر <i>r</i>	س <i>s</i>	ع <i>'</i>
ب <i>b</i>	خ <i>oh</i>	ذ <i>ḍ</i>	ز <i>z</i>	ش <i>sh</i>	غ <i>gh</i>
پ <i>p</i>	ح <i>h</i>	ذ <i>z</i>	ز <i>z</i>	ص <i>s</i>	ف <i>f</i>
ت <i>t</i>	ح <i>ḥ</i>		ج <i>gh</i>	ص <i>s</i>	ق <i>q</i>
ث <i>ṭ</i>				ط <i>ṭ</i>	ك <i>k</i>
ث <i>s</i>				ط <i>z</i>	ك <i>g</i>
					ل <i>l</i>
					م <i>m</i>
					ن <i>n</i>
					when representing <i>anunāsika</i> in Dēva nāgarī, by <i>~</i> over nasalized vowel
					و or v
					ه <i>h</i>
					ي <i>y</i> , etc

Tanwīn is represented by *n*, thus فاون *fauan* Alf- maqṣūra is represented by *ā*,—thus, داو *da'wā*

In the Arabic character, a final silent *h* is not transliterated,—thus, داو *banda* When pronounced, it is written,—thus, داو *gunāh*

Vowels when not pronounced at the end of a word, are not written in transliteration Thus, बन *ban*, not *ḍana* When not pronounced in the middle of a word or only slightly pronounced in the middle or at the end of a word, they are written in small characters above the line Thus (Hindī) देखता *dēkh'tā*, pronounced *dēkhtā*, (Kāś-mīrī) देख *dēh*, कह *kar*, pronounced *kor*, (Bihārī) देखि *dēkhathī*

C—Special letters peculiar to special languages will be dealt with under the head of the languages concerned. In the meantime the following more important instances may be noted —

- (a) The *ts* sound found in Marāṭhī (ठ), Pushtō (ټ), Kāśmīrī (ټ, ټ), Tibetan (ཚ), and elsewhere, is represented by *ts*. So, the aspirate of that sound is represented by *tsʰ*.
- (b) The *dz* sound found in Marāṭhī (ड), Pushtō (ډ), and Tibetan (ལ) is represented by *dz*, and its aspirate by *dzʰ*.
- (c) Kāśmīrī ټ (ټ) is represented by *ñ*.
- (d) Sindhī ڙ, Western Panjābī (and elsewhere on the N.-W. Frontier) ڙ, and Pushtō ږ or ږ are represented by *n*.
- (e) The following are letters peculiar to Pushtō —
 ټ *t*, ټ *ts* or *dz*, according to pronunciation; ډ *d*, ږ *r*, ږ *zh* or *g*, according to pronunciation, ښ *sh* or *lh*, according to pronunciation, ږ or ږ "
- (f) The following are letters peculiar to Sindhī —
 ٻ *bb*, ٻ *bh*, ٺ *th*, ٺ *t*, ٺ *th*, ٺ *ph*, ڄ *j*; ڄ *jh*, ڄ *ohh*;
 ڄ *ñ*, ڄ *dh*, ڄ *d*, ڄ *dd*, ڄ *dh*, ڪ *k*, ڪ *kh*, ڳ *gg*, ڳ *gh*;
 ڳ *n*, ڳ *n*

D—Certain sounds, which are not provided for above, occur in transcribing languages which have no alphabet, or in writing phonetically (as distinct from transliterating) languages (such as Bengali) whose spelling does not represent the spoken sounds. The principal of these are the following —

ā, represents the sound of the *a* in *all*

<i>ā</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>a</i> in <i>hat</i> .
<i>ē</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>e</i> in <i>met</i>
<i>o</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>o</i> in <i>hot</i>
<i>e</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>é</i> in the French <i>état</i>
<i>o</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>o</i> in the first <i>o</i> in <i>promote</i>
<i>ō</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>ō</i> in the German <i>schön</i> .
<i>ü</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>ü</i> in the " <i>mühe</i>
<i>th</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>th</i> in <i>think</i>
<i>dh</i> ,	"	"	"	<i>th</i> in <i>this</i>

The semi-consonants peculiar to the Mundā languages are indicated by an apostrophe. Thus *k'*, *t'*, *p'*, and so on.

E—When it is necessary to mark an accented syllable, the acute accent is used. Thus in (Khōwā) *āssistat*, he was, the acute accent shows that the accent falls on the first, and not, as might be expected, on the second syllable.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

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THE SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

Like the Mediate Group of Indo-Aryan vernaculars, the southern one is a group of dialects, and not of languages. It includes only one language, *viz.*, Marāṭhī.

The Southern Group

Marāṭhī with its sub-dialects occupies parts of three provinces, *viz.*, the Bombay Presidency, Berar, and the Central Provinces, with numerous settlers in Central India and the Madras Presidency. It is the

Area in which spoken

principal language of the north-western part of His Highness the Nizam's dominions and of Portuguese India. The area in which it is spoken is, roughly speaking, 100,000 square miles.

On the west, Marāṭhī is bounded by the Arabian Sea, from Daman in the north to Karwar in the south. The northern frontier follows the

Political Boundaries.

Daman Ganga towards the east and crosses Nasik, leaving the northern part of the district to Khāndēśī. It thence runs along the southern and eastern frontier of Khāndesh, through the southern part of Nimar, Betul, Chhindwara, and Seoni, where the Satpura range forms the northern boundary. The frontier line thence turns to the south-east, including the southern part of Balaghat and almost the whole of Bhandara with important settlements in Raipur. The Māl'bhī dialect occupies the central and eastern part of the Bastar State, still farther to the east.

From the south-eastern corner of Bhandara the line runs south-westwards, including Nagpur and the north-western corner of Chhind, where it turns towards the west through the district of Wund, leaving a narrow strip in the south to Telugu. It then continues towards the south, including the district of Basim and into the dominions of His Highness the Nizam, where it again turns westwards to Akalkot and Sholapur. The frontier then goes south-westwards, in an irregular line, including Sholapur and Kolhapur, to the Ghats, and thence to the sea at Karwar.

Marāṭhī has to its north, in order from west to east, Gujarati, Khāndēśī, Rājasthānī, Western Hindī, and Eastern Hindī. To the east we find Eastern Hindī, Gōndī, and Telugu. Māl'bhī, which is

Linguistic Boundaries

separated from Marāṭhī by Chhattisgarhi and Dravidian languages, merges into Oriyā in the east through the Bhatī dialect. In the south we find, proceeding from the east, Gōndī, Telugu, and Kanarese.

The dialectic differences within the Marāṭhī area are comparatively small, and there is only one real dialect, *viz.*, Kōṅkanī. There are, of course, everywhere local varieties, and these are usually honoured by

Dialects

a separate name. On the whole, however, Marāṭhī is a remarkably uniform language.

Three slightly different forms may conveniently be distinguished, the Marāṭhī of the Dekhan, the Marāṭhī of Berar and the Central Provinces, and the Marāṭhī of the Central and Northern Konkan. The last two forms of the language have some characteristics in common, and these are also shared by the rustic dialects of the Dekhan, such as the form of speech current among the Kun'bis of Poona.

In the southern part of the district of Ratnagiri the Konkan form of Marāṭhī gradually merges into Kōṅkanī, through several minor dialects.

Several broken dialects are spoken in various parts of the Marāṭhī territory, and will be dealt with in connection with the various forms of that language. In the northern part of the coast strip belonging to Marāṭhī we find some smaller dialects, such as Kāṭhōḍī, Vārī, Vād'val, Phud'gī, and Sāmṇīdī, which in several points agree with Gujarāṭī-Bhīh. The Khāndēśī dialect of Khandesh, which has hitherto been classed with Marāṭhī, has in this Survey been transferred to Gujarāṭī. It contains a large admixture of Marāṭhī, but the inner form of the language differs, and its base is a Prākṛit dialect more closely related to Śaurasēnī than to Mahārāṣṭrī which latter Prākṛit is derived from the same base as modern Marāṭhī.

Further towards the east we find some broken dialects, such as Katiyā, Hal'bi, Bhunjā, Naharī, and Kamārī, which have been so largely influenced by Marāṭhī that it has been found convenient to deal with them in this connection, though they are no true Marāṭhī dialects.

Marāṭhī, including its dialects, is the home tongue of several districts which are not included in the present Survey, such as the Portuguese territories and part of His Highness the Nizam's dominions. The numbers of speakers of such districts must be added to the figures returned from the various districts within the scope of this Survey.

Speakers of Marāṭhī in those districts of Central India and the Central Provinces over which the Peshwa and Holkar formerly held sway have been included among the total of those who use the Dekhan form of Marāṭhī as their home language. The details will be found under the different forms of Marāṭhī, the total number of speakers of the various forms of the language within the Marāṭhī territory is as follows —

Marāṭhī of the Dekhan	6,103,083
Marāṭhī of Berar and the Central Provinces (including the Nizam's dominions)	7,677,132
Marāṭhī of the Konkan	2,350,917
Koṭṭakāṇi (including Portuguese territories and Madras Presidency)	1,559,029
TOTAL	17,780,361

These figures include the speakers of broken dialects in the Konkan and the Central Provinces. The figures for the Nizam's dominions, Portuguese India, and the Madras Presidency have been taken from the reports of the Census of 1891.

Marāṭhī and its dialects is also, to some extent, spoken outside the territory where it is a vernacular. At the Census of 1891 Marāṭhī and Kōṇkanī were separately returned. The figures for those districts where Marāṭhī and Kōṇkanī were spoken as foreign tongues were as follows —

Marāṭhī spoken abroad in	Number of speakers
Ajmere-Merwara	1,604
Andamans	913
Assam	85
Bengal and Feudatories	909
Burmah	565
Coorg	2,621
Madras	123,530
ore	65,356
jab and Feudatories	551
ettah	1,340
putana and Central India	11,072
id	9,265
ited Provinces and Feudatories	7,414
TOTAL	225,225

Kōṅkaṇī has been returned for the purposes of this Survey as spoken by 20 settlers in Chanda. The other figures which follow have been taken from the reports of the Census of 1891 —

Where spoken.	Number of speakers
Mysore	4,166
Rajputana	47
Chanda	20
Coorg	2,129
TOTAL	6,362

By adding together all these figures we arrive at the following total for Marāṭhī and its dialects —

Marāṭhī spoken at home—

Dekhan	6,193,083
Berar and Central Provinces	7,677,432
Kōṅkaṇī	2,360,817

Marāṭhī spoken abroad	16,221,332
	225,225

TOTAL MARĀṬHĪ 16,446,557

Kōṅkaṇī spoken at home	1,559,029
Kōṅkaṇī spoken abroad	6,362

TOTAL KŌṆKANI 1,565,391

GRAND TOTAL 18,011,948

The Prākṛit grammarians tell us that at a very early period there were two principal languages spoken in the Ganges and Jamna valleys, Saurasēnī in the west and Māgadhī in the east. Between both was situated a third dialect, called Ardhamāgadhī, which must approximately have covered the territory within which the modern dialects of Eastern Hindī are spoken. These dialects were recognised as the most important forms of speech in Āryāvarta, i.e., the country to the north of the Vindhya range and the River Narmada. To the south of Āryāvarta was the great country called Mahārāshṭra extending southwards to the Kistna, and sometimes also including the country of the Kuntalas which broadly corresponds to the southern part of the Bombay Presidency and Hyderabad. The language of Mahārāshṭra was considered to be the basis of the most important literary Prākṛit, the so-called Māhārāshṭrī. The South-Indian author Daṇḍin (sixth century A.D.) expressly states that the principal Prākṛit was derived from the dialect spoken in Mahārāshṭra*. And the oldest work in Māhārāshṭrī of which we have any knowledge was compiled at Pratishthāna, the capital of King Hāla on the Godavari. There is, accordingly, no doubt that the Indian tradition derives the so-called Māhārāshṭrī from the vernacular of Mahārāshṭra, or, in the terminology of the Prākṛit grammarians, the Māhārāshṭra Apabhramśa, from which latter form of speech the modern Marāṭhī is derived.

* See Kāvyaśāstra i 35, *Mahārāshṭrāyāṁ bhāṣhām prakṛishṭam Prākṛitam viduḥ*

The opinion of the Indian grammarians has not been universally adopted by European scholars, and it will, therefore, be necessary in this place to go into detail in order to explain my reasons for adhering to it

The arguments generally adduced against the derivation of Marāthī and Māhārāshtrī from the same base are of two kinds. In the first place it is argued that Māhārāshtrī and Śaurasēnī are simply two varieties of the same dialect, in the second place it is pointed out that Marāthī in several respects agrees with eastern vernaculars which must apparently be derived from a Māgadhi dialect and not from the old language of the Śaurasēna country. It will be seen that both arguments are in reality one and the same, and that if it could be shown that Māhārāshtrī was a quite distinct dialect which differed from Śaurasēnī and approached the eastern Prākritis, the analogy which certainly exists between Marāthī and eastern vernaculars could no more be adduced against deriving Marāthī and Māhārāshtrī from the same base.

It will, therefore, be necessary to put the supposition of the identity of Māhārāshtrī and Śaurasēnī to the test.

Our knowledge of the Prākritis is to a great extent based on the Prākrit grammarians who were not content to describe the various vernaculars which furnished the base for the literary Prākritis, but who also tried to systematise them, and often seem to have constructed general rules out of stray occurrences or phonetical tendencies. The literary Prākritis in this way came to differ from the spoken vernaculars. They were not, however, mere fictions, and the more we learn about the linguistic conditions of old India the more we see that the differences stated to exist between the various Prākrit dialects in most cases correspond to actual differences in the spoken vernaculars.

On the other hand, the description given of the various Prākritis by the grammarians is not complete, and must be supplemented from the Prākrit literature. This literature is considerable and it makes it possible to get a good idea of two dialects, the so-called Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi. Śaurasēnī is less known, though we are able to understand the principal features of that dialect. With regard to Māgadhi we are almost entirely confined to the rules given by the grammarians.

Professor Pischel has, in his masterly Prākrit Grammar, collected the materials from the grammarians and from the literature and rendered it a comparatively easy task to define the relationship between the different Prākritis.

Three different classifications seem to be possible, according to the features which we choose as our starting points.

In some features Śaurasēnī agrees with Māgadhi as against Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi. The principal ones are the treatment of single consonants between vowels, and the formation of the passive and of the conjunctive participle.

According to the Prākrit grammarians every Sanskrit unaspirated mute consonant between vowels, if not a cerebral, is dropped in the Prākritis and a faintly sounded *y*, or, in the case of *p* or *b*, a *v*, is substituted for it. This *y* is not, however, written in other than Jaina manuscripts. It seems certain that this rule of the grammarians was a generalisation of a phonetical tendency and did not exactly correspond to the actual facts of the genuine vernaculars. The tendency to drop consonants in such positions must, however, have been strong, as we find its results largely prevalent in modern vernaculars. Compare Marāthī *kumbhār*, Sanskrit *kumbha-(l)āra*, a potter, Marāthī *talē*, Sanskrit

ta-dā(g)a, a tank, Marāthī *sūy*, Sanskrit *sū(ch)ī*, a needle, Marāthī *nēṛṇṇō*, Sanskrit *na-(j)ānāmī*, I don't know, Marāthī *bī*, Sanskrit *bī(j)a*, a seed, Marāthī *śam(bhar)*, Sanskrit *śa(t)a*, hundred, Marāthī *pāy*, Sanskrit *pā(d)a*, a foot, and so on

The Prākṛit grammarians make one important exception from the rule. A *t* between vowels becomes *d* in Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi, but is dropped in other dialects. Thus, Sanskrit *gata*, Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi *gada*, Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi *gaa*, *gaya*, gone. A *t* between vowels is very common, and, especially, it occurs in numerous verbal forms. The result is that its different treatment gives a very marked character to the two groups. There cannot, however, be any doubt that this difference is one of time and not of dialect. The *d* is the intermediary stage between *t* and the dropping of the sound, and there can be no doubt that a *d* was really often pronounced in the vernaculars on which Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi were based. For not only does the oldest Prākṛit grammarian Vararuchi (ii, 7) allow the change of *t* to *d* in Māhārāshtrī in certain words, but the manuscripts freely write *d* in Māhārāshtrī, a confusion which it would be difficult to explain if the distinction made by the grammarians corresponded to the actual facts in the spoken vernaculars. This point cannot, therefore, be made the basis of a classification.

The passive is formed by adding the suffix *īa* in Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi, but *īya* in the other dialects. Thus, Sanskrit *krīyatē*, Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi *kariadi*, Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi *kariyyaī*, it is done. This distinction between the two groups has been inferred from the practice of the best manuscripts. There are, however, numerous exceptions, and forms ending in *īyyadi*, which is a variant of *īyadi*, seem to occur in Māgadhi verses. This point cannot therefore be urged.

There remains the formation of the conjunctive participle which usually ends in *īa* in Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi and in *īna* in Māhārāshtrī and often also in Ardhamāgadhi. This latter dialect has, however, several other forms. Thus, Māhārāshtrī *hasīna*, Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi *hasīa*, having laughed. The subsequent linguistic history of India shows that we are here face to face with a real distinction between the north and the south. The *u*-form has survived in Marāthī, in some Rājasthānī dialects, and in Oṛiyā, while other languages use forms derived from the old participles ending in *īa*.

A division of the Prākṛits on account of this distinction cannot, however, seriously be maintained, and Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi differ in so many points that it is out of question to bring them into close connection with each other.

Dr. Hoernle, in his *Comparative Grammar of the Gaudian Languages* divided the Prākṛit dialects into a western group, viz., Śaurasēnī-Māhārāshtrī, and an eastern, viz., Māgadhi. These two groups differ in pronunciation and in the formation of the nominative singular of masculine *a*-bases. The western group changes every *s*-sound to a dental *s*, the eastern to a palatal *ś*, the western substitutes *j* for every initial *y* and *y*, the eastern prefers *y*, the western possesses both *r* and *l*, the eastern only *l*, the nominative singular of masculine *a*-bases ends in *ō* in the west and in *ē* in the east. Ardhamāgadhi agrees with the west in all points excepting the last one, the nominative singular of masculine *a*-bases usually ending in *ē*, but also, in old texts in *ō*.

This last test point, the termination of the nominative, must probably be eliminated from the features which distinguish the east from the west, for the most eastern Prākṛit dialect of which we have any knowledge, the so-called Dhakkī, which must have been

based on the dialect spoken in Dacca, forms the nominative in *ō*, thus, *puliso*, a man. This dialect also differs from Māgadhi in the treatment of *s*-sounds. It possesses a dental *s*, corresponding to *s* and *ś* in Sanskrit, and a palatal *ś*, corresponding to Sanskrit *ś*; thus, *daśa*, ten, *pulissassa*, Sanskrit *purushasya*, of the man. Dhakkī also seems to use *j* like the western Prākṛits. Thus, *jampidum*, Māgadhi *yampidum*, Sanskrit *jalpitum*, to talk.

There thus only remains one of the test points in which the east differs from the west, the use of *l* and *r* respectively. I do not think that this point is of sufficient importance to base a classification on it.

The division of the Prākṛits into a western and an eastern group is based on the supposition that Śaurasēnī and Māhārāshṭrī are essentially the same dialect. Since this theory was first put forward our knowledge of the Prākṛits has advanced very far, and we now know that the two are radically different. They differ in phonology, in the formation of many verbal bases and of many tenses, in vocabulary, and in their general character. Śaurasēnī has, on the whole, the same vocabulary as classical Sanskrit, while Māhārāshṭrī is full of provincial words; the inflexional system of Śaurasēnī has nothing of the rich variety of forms which characterizes Māhārāshṭrī. If we add the points of disagreement adduced above, the wide divergence between the two dialects cannot be doubted. The relation between them can be compared to that existing between classical Sanskrit and the Vedic dialects, on the one side the correct and fixed speech of the *śiṣṭas*, or educated classes, on the other the ever fluctuating, richly varied language of the masses.

In these characteristics Māhārāshṭrī agrees with Ardhamāgadhi. The close connection between those two Prākṛits is so apparent that it has always been recognised. Several scholars have even gone so far as to identify them. Nobody would do so at the present day. There can, however, be no doubt with regard to the close relationship between them, and they may safely be classed together as forming one group as against Śaurasēnī.

Ardhamāgadhi is the link which connects Māhārāshṭrī with Māgadhi. This latter Prākṛit is very unsatisfactorily known. It seems to comprise several dialects, but we are not, as yet, able to get a clear idea of them. In phonetics they seem to have struck out independent lines of their own. There are, however, sufficient indications to show that they had more points of analogy with Māhārāshṭrī and Ardhamāgadhi than would appear at the first glance. I pass by some points of phonology, and shall only draw attention to a few facts which seem to show that Māgadhi is based on a dialect, or on dialects, which had an inflexional system characterized with the same rich variety of forms as in Māhārāshṭrī and Ardhamāgadhi.

Māgadhi has preserved traces of the old dative of *a*-themes, which has been throughout replaced by the genitive in Śaurasēnī. Thus, *vināsāa*, Sanskrit *vināsāya*, in order to destroy. Such forms are, however, perhaps only correct in verses. There are two forms of the genitive singular and three forms of the locative singular of *a*-bases, thus, *putta* and *puttāha*, Sanskrit *putrasya*, Śaurasēnī only *puttassa*, of the son, *muhē*, Sanskrit *mukhē*, in the mouth, *kūvammi*, Sanskrit *kūpē*, in the well, *kulāhim*, Sanskrit *kulī*, in the family. Śaurasēnī has only forms such as *kulē*.

The *Ātmanēpada* form of verbs, which in Śaurasēnī is confined to the first person singular, is used more freely in Māgadhi, optatives such as *karēyyā*, I may do, occur in Māgadhi as well as the Śaurasēnī forms *karēam* or *karē*, imperatives such as *pivāhi*, drink, are used in addition to *piva*, Sanskrit *piba*, but not so in Śaurasēnī.

A suffix corresponding to the *lla*, which plays a great rôle in Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi, but not in Śaurasēnī, must have been common in Māgadhi, as the modern vernaculars clearly show. Compare also Māgadhi *gāmēlua*, Sanskrit *grāmya*, boorish.

Such instances might be multiplied if we could draw the Māgadhi of the inscriptions and Pāli into the scope of our inquiry. The preceding indications are, however, sufficient to show that the general character of the Māgadhi dialects was more closely related to that of Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi than that of Śaurasēnī. We seem therefore to be justified in dividing the Prākṛits into one inner group, *viz.*, Śaurasēnī, and one outer comprising Māhārāshtrī, Ardhamāgadhi, and Māgadhi. This latter group shows great variety in its dialects, but has throughout the same character of inflexional richness.

There cannot, then, any more be any objection to the derivation of Māhārāshtrī and Marāṭhī from the same base, and we must return to the Indian tradition and to the conclusion that Māhārāshtrī and Marāṭhī are based on the same form of speech just as the two names, Māhārāshtrī and Marāṭhī, are two different forms of one and the same word.

It is now permissible to draw attention to several points in which Marāṭhī agrees with Māhārāshtrī. When similar forms also occur in other modern vernaculars, especially in the east, this fact is only in accord with the remarks above. Even Western Hindi forms can often be adduced which agree with Marāṭhī and Māhārāshtrī as against Śaurasēnī. This is partly to be explained by assuming that Western Hindi is derived from various sources. Though it is, in its general character, a Śaurasēnī dialect, it has also assimilated elements from other, say outer, forms of speech. Māhārāshtrī was, moreover, once the dialect of lyric poetry all over India, and it must necessarily have exercised an influence on other dialects, such as that spoken in the home of the present Western Hindi.

Māhārāshtrī has been preserved in two slightly varying forms, the chief language of Prākṛit literature, and the dialect of the non-canonical literature of the Śvētāmbara Jains. This latter form of the language is usually called Jama Māhārāshtrī, and was perhaps based on the vernacular spoken in Surāshṭra, the modern peninsula of Kathiawar, before the present settlers entered it. The difference between the two forms of Māhārāshtrī is, however, of comparatively small importance and need not trouble us in this connection.

In comparing Marāṭhī with Māhārāshtrī, we cannot base our inquiry on the vocabulary. In the first place we know too little of Śaurasēnī and Māgadhi, and in the second place, the vocabulary of modern Aryan vernaculars does not differ to any considerable extent. A comparison of the inflexions will also yield but a small result, the modern system being quite different from that prevailing in the old Prākṛits. It will hence be necessary to base our conclusions on those facts in which the old Prākṛits are known to differ from each other, and where the same difference can be traced down to modern times. We shall begin with some phonetical features.

Long vowels are occasionally shortened in Māhārāshtrī. Thus, in the common word *lumarō*, Sanskrit and Śaurasēnī *lumārō*, a boy. Compare Marāṭhī *lumar*, which is not a poetical form. Other dialects

Vowels

have *kūcar* and *kūcār*

Haridrā, turmeric, often becomes *haliddi* or *haladdi* in Māhārāshtrī. Compare Marāṭhī *halad*, dative *haḷḷi-lā*, rural Hindi *halad*, *haldī*, *hardī*.

The Sanskrit vowel *ṛi* is sometimes differently treated in the old dialects. Thus, Sanskrit *ṛita*, Māhārāshtrī and Ardhamāgadhi *lan* (compare Māgadhi, Ardhamāgadhi

lada), but Śaurasēnī usually *kīda*, done, Sanskrit *ghṛta*, Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī *ghaa*, but Śaurasēnī and Māgadhī *ghīda*, clarified butter. Similarly we find Marāṭhī *kēḷē*, i.e., *kaya-illaam*, done, while *ghī*, clarified butter, according to Molesworth is scarcely used in Marāṭhī and must be considered as a Hindi loan-word.

Soft consonants are occasionally hardened in the Prākṛits. Thus, Māhārāṣṭrī

Consonants. *machchai* and *majjai*, Sanskrit *mādyati*, he grows mad, Māhārāṣṭrī *vachchai* for *vajjai*, Sanskrit *vrajati*, he goes

Compare Marāṭhī *mats^{nē}* (Hindi *mach^{nā}*), to swell, Kōṅkanī *votsū*, to go

The aspiration has been transferred in the Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī *ghettum*, Sanskrit *grahitum*, to take. Śaurasēnī has *genhūm*. The base occurring in the Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī forms has only survived in Marāṭhī. Compare *ghēt^{lē}*, taken.

Dental consonants are much more commonly cerebralised in Māhārāṣṭrī, Ardhamāgadhī, and also in Māgadhī, than in Śaurasēnī. Compare Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī *asaī*, Sanskrit *daśatī*, he bites, *dakaī*, Sanskrit *dakati*, he burns, *dōla*, an eye (compare Sanskrit *dōla*, oscillating), *dollai*, Sanskrit *dōlāyatē*, he swings, *dōhalaa*, Sanskrit *dōhalaka*, the longings of a pregnant woman. Similarly we find Marāṭhī *das^{nē}*, to bite, *dāhō* (poetical), heat, *dāḍ^{nē}*, to be hot, *dōlā*, an eye, *dōh^{lā}*, longings of a pregnant woman, etc. Similar forms occur also in other dialects.

We may add stray forms such as Sanskrit *kshētra*, Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī *chhetta*, Marāṭhī *śēt*, but Śaurasēnī *khetta*, Hindi *khēt*, a field, Māhārāṣṭrī *kīra*, Marāṭhī *kīr*, but Śaurasēnī and Sanskrit *kīra*, forsooth, Sanskrit *gai^{dabha}*, Māhārāṣṭrī *gaddaha*, Marāṭhī *gādhav*, but Śaurasēnī *gaddaha*, Hindi *gadhā*, an ass, Sanskrit *pañchāśat*, Māhārāṣṭrī *pannāsam*, Marāṭhī *pannās*, while other modern vernaculars have forms such as Western Hindi *pachās*.

The termination of the nominative singular of masculine *a*-bases was *ō* in Māhārāṣṭrī

Nouns and Pronouns and Śaurasēnī. The same is the case in old Marāṭhī, thus, *īātō*, a king, *nandanu*, a son. The final *u* in the latter form is directly derived from an older *ō*.

The genitive of *i*-bases, with which old *in*-bases were confounded, ends in *issa* and *inō* in Māhārāṣṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī, but only in *inō* in Śaurasēnī, thus, *aggrissa* and *agginō*, Sanskrit *agnēh*, of the fire, *hatthissa* and *hatthinō*, Sanskrit *hastinah*, of an elephant. The form *hatthissa* directly corresponds to Marāṭhī *hāthis*.

With regard to pronouns we may note that the typical Māhārāṣṭrī forms *majjha*, *mv*, *tujjha*, thy, have survived in Marāṭhī *māḍzhā*, my, *tudzhā*, thy.

Verbs

The Marāṭhī verb shows something of the same rich variety as the Māhārāṣṭrī one.

Thus we not only find the old present, future, and imperative, but also some traces of the precative.

Compare—

dēkhī	indriyā	ādhīna	hōijē,	taī	śītōshpā-tē
see	of senses	dependent	he may-become,	then	cold-and-heat
pīvijē	īm	sukhadukkhī	āhajijē	āpana-pē,	
he-will-get	and	with-pleasure-and-sorrow	he-will-bind	himself,	

'See, if a man is dependent on his senses, then he will feel cold and heat and become subject to the feeling of pleasure and sorrow' (*Dnyānāścarī*, ii, 119). Such forms have

usually been explained as passives, by assuming that the old passive can also be used as an active. The explanation given above seems, however, in some cases preferable.

The old passive survives in forms such as *lābh^anē*, to be got, *das^anē*, to appear, and so on. In old poetry, however, a passive formed with the characteristic *j* is in common use, thus, *radhijati*, they are killed, *lijē*, it is done. Such forms have been confounded with the remains of the old precativē, and both were probably felt to be identical. In modern Marāṭhī only the forms *mhan^ajē*, it is said, namely, and *pāhijē*, it is wanted, have survived.

It is of importance to note that such forms correspond to the Māhārāshṭrī passive ending in *īyati*, while Śaurasēnī has *iadī*.

Marāṭhī infinitives such as *mārñ*, to strike, are directly derived from Māhārāshṭrī forms such as *māriṇam*, to strike. The participle of necessity, which ends in *avva* in Māhārāshṭrī, *ṭavya* in Sanskrit, has survived in most modern dialects, sometimes as a future or an infinitive, as in eastern dialects, sometimes as a present participle passive as in Sindhi. Marāṭhī, as well as Gujarātī, uses forms derived from this participle as infinitives, but has also retained it in its original meaning of a future participle passive. Thus, Marāṭhī *myā larāvē*, Māhārāshṭrī *maē lariatvam*, it should be done by me, I should do.

The Marāṭhī conjunctive participle in *ūn*, old Marāṭhī *ñ* and *n-nā*, i.e. *ñ + nā*, is derived from the corresponding Māhārāshṭrī form ending in *ūna* and *um*, and has nothing to do with the Śaurasēnī form which adds *ta*. Thus, Sanskrit *krīvā*, Māhārāshṭrī *lariūna*, *larium*, Marāṭhī *larñ*, *larumā*, *larūn*, but Śaurasēnī *laria* and *ladua*.

We may add the frequency with which the suffix *illa* is used in Māhārāshṭrī and probably all eastern Prakrits, just as its modern representative *l* in Marāṭhī, and, lastly, the use of the emphatic particle Māhārāshṭrī and Ardhamāgadhī *chēa*, *chia*, *chēa*, Marāṭhī *chi*, *ṭe*, Chhattisgarhī *ēch*, but Śaurasēnī *jēva*, Gujarātī and Rājasthānī *j*.

Such points of agreement cannot fail to add strength to the conclusion that Māhārāshṭrī Prakrit was based on the vernacular of the Marāṭhā country, which is the direct source from which modern Marāṭhī is derived.

Marāṭhī is the only modern vernacular which has been derived from the old Māhārāshṭra Apabhramśa. That latter form of speech had a distinct character of its own. Though being of the same general kind as the eastern vernaculars, it differed from them in several points and sometimes agreed with Śaurasēnī, especially in the pronunciation of certain sounds. The modern representative of the old Māhārāshṭra Apabhramśa is Marāṭhī, and it is, therefore, to be expected that that form of speech occupies a somewhat independent position, sometimes agreeing with the languages of the outer, and sometimes with those of the inner group. That is also the case. Moreover, the conservative character of Marāṭhī has tended to make this independence greater than it was, and at the present day Marāṭhī is a language with very well marked frontiers, and does not merge into any of the neighbouring forms of speech. The border line between Marāṭhī on one side and Gujarātī, Rājasthānī and Western Hindī on the other, is very sharply marked. In the west we see that Gujarātī Bhīli and Khāndēśī gradually become more and more influenced by Marāṭhī. But even when such dialects assume the linguistic form of Marāṭhī, as in the case of Vādvaḷ, Vārli, etc., they retain the character of mixed forms of speech and are no real connecting links. Similar is the state of affairs in the east. The Halbi dialect is not a connecting link between Marāṭhī, Chhattisgarhī and Oriyā, but a

mechanical mixture of all these three languages, spoken by a tribe whose language did not originally belong to the Indo-Aryan Family

Relation of Marāṭhī to the Inner Group

It has already been stated that Marāṭhī in some points agrees with the languages of the inner group. The principal

ones are as follows —

The pronunciation generally. In Kōṅkanī, however, we find some features which agree with the state of affairs in the east. Thus Kōṅkanī possesses the short *e* and *o* sounds and pronounces the short *a* like the *o* in 'hot'.

Marāṭhī has two *s* sounds, a dental *s* and a palatal *ś*. This latter sound is used before *y* and before *i*, *ī*, and *ē*, which vowels are usually pronounced almost as *ye*, *yī*, *yē*, respectively, a state of affairs which is not in accord with the principles prevailing in the east. The palatal pronunciation of *s* is, therefore, due to the combination of *s* and *y*, and quite different from the Bengali *ś*, which has another origin as the eastern Prākṛits clearly show. Some Marāṭhī dialects only know the dental *s*.

The pronunciation of the palatals as *ṭṣ*, *ḍṣ*, respectively, also occurs in some eastern dialects, and in Kāśmīrī. A similar pronunciation is common in several dialects of Gujarāṭī and Rājasthānī. Exact parallels to the Marāṭhī pronunciation of *s* and of the palatals are only found in Telugu. Such points do not, therefore, prove a closer connexion between the pronunciation of Marāṭhī and of eastern vernaculars.

On the other hand, *v* and *b* are distinguished as in Gujarāṭī, Pañjābī, Sindhi, and, partly, in Rājasthānī. Marāṭhī has a cerebral *l* like Rājasthānī, Gujarāṭī, Pañjābī, and also Oriyā.

With regard to the inflexion of nouns and verbs, it should be noted that Marāṭhī has three genders like Gujarāṭī and some rural dialects of Western Hindī.

The nominative singular of strong masculine bases ends in *ā* as in the east and in some dialects of Western Hindī, but in *ō* in Kōṅkanī. The nominative plural ends in *ē* as in Western Hindī.

Marāṭhī possesses a separate case of the agent and, in consequence thereof, uses the passive construction of the past tense of transitive verbs. The verb is put in the neuter singular if the object is accompanied by a case suffix. In the Konkan, however, it agrees with the object also in such cases, just as it does in Gujarāṭī and Rājasthānī. Kōṅkanī also agrees with Gujarāṭī in possessing a separate form of the nominative singular of the personal pronoun of the first person, thus Kōṅkanī *hāṅv*, Gujarāṭī *hū*, I.

The nominative singular masculine of demonstrative and relative pronouns ends in *ō* as in Western Hindī, like the nominative of masculine *a* bases in Māhārāshṭrī.

Marāṭhī uses an *n*-suffix to form a verbal noun, as does also Western Hindī. The same suffix, however, also occurs in Eastern Hindī, and Marāṭhī has also a *v* infinitive like Gujarāṭī and eastern vernaculars.

None of these points are of sufficient importance to prove a closer connexion between Marāṭhī and the languages of the inner group. They are partly due to the conservative nature of the language, as in the case of the preservation of a separate case of the agent, and they are partly of the same nature as those features in which Māhārāshṭrī agreed with Śaurasēnī.

In other points Marāṭhī agrees with the languages of the outer circle. The points of analogy in pronunciation have already been noted, and it has been stated that they are of relatively small importance.

Relation of Marāṭhī to the Outer Circle

On the other hand, the preceding pages dealing with the relationship between Marāṭhī and Māhārāṣṭrī will have revealed many facts which show that the phonetical laws of Marāṭhī often closely agree with those prevailing in the east. Of greater importance, however, are several points of analogy in inflexion.

All weak *a*-bases in Marāṭhī have an oblique form ending in *ā*, thus, *bāp*, a father, dative *bāpā-lā*. The same form also occurs in the east. Thus, Bihārī *pahar*, a guard, oblique *pahārā*. The eastern vernaculars do not, it is true, use this form regularly. Its existence is, however, of sufficient importance to be adduced in this place. Marāṭhī also shows the origin of this form. In addition to the oblique base ending in *ā*, it also, dialectically, uses a form ending in *ās*, thus, in the Konkan, *bāpās na*, by the father. *Bāpās* directly corresponds to the Māhārāṣṭrī form *bappassa*, of a father, and it is evident that *bāpā* has the same origin, the change of *ss* to *h* being already found in Māhārāṣṭrī.

The termination of the second person singular of verbal tenses ends in *s* as in Bengali, Bihārī, and Eastern Hindi. Kōnkanī, however, uses *y* like Kāśmīrī, and in Berar and the Central Provinces the second person is usually formed like the third person without an *s*.

The past tense has different forms for the three persons, as in eastern dialects. The personal suffixes are the same as in the case of the old present, and it is, therefore, doubtful whether Marāṭhī possesses the so called pronominal suffixes which play so great a rôle in many other languages. The *s* which is, in some dialects, added to the second person singular of all verbs, may perhaps be such a suffix. In a similar way we sometimes find a *t* added to the second person plural, and an *n* to the third person singular. Compare forms such as *karitē*, it was done (by thee), *sāngitlān* (Konkan and Berar), it was said (by him). Such forms are, however, only occasionally used, and the whole question about pronominal suffixes must be left open so far as Marāṭhī is concerned.

The past tense is formed by adding an *l*-suffix as in the east. This feature pervades the whole conjugational system and gives a peculiar colour to the language which is entirely wanting in the inner group. Gujarātī, it is true, forms a pluperfect participle by adding an *l*-suffix. This seems, however, to be one of those points in which that language has been influenced by the vernaculars formerly spoken in its present home. The *l*-suffix must be derived from the Prākṛit suffix *lla* which played a great rôle in Māhārāṣṭrī, Ardhamāgadhī, and probably also in Māgadhī. It is a secondary suffix, added to the old past participle passive, and it is, consequently, originally not necessary. We also find that it is occasionally dropped, not only in the east, but also in Marāṭhī dialects, thus, Chitpāvanī *māyṛā* and *mārilā*, it was struck. On the other hand, this suffix is used in a much wider way in Kōnkanī. The oldest instance of its use in the modern way is the Ardhamāgadhī *āulliya*, brought.

The future is formed by adding an *l*- or *n*-suffix. This form has been compared with the *l*-present in Bihārī. An *l*-future also occurs in Rājasthānī and some northern dialects. The base of the Marāṭhī future is identical with the habitual past, the old present. Sometimes, however, the two differ, thus Nāgpurī *mḍzō*, I used to sleep, but *mḍzal*, I shall sleep, Karhādī *mārṣī*, thou wilt strike (the corresponding form of the habitual past does not occur in the materials available). It is, therefore, perhaps allowable to conclude that the Marāṭhī future (and past habitual) has preserved traces of two old forms, the present and future. Māhārāṣṭrī future forms such as *karissu*, thou wilt do, *karissu*, he will do, would regularly become *karis* and *kari* in Marāṭhī.

The most important points in which Marāṭhī agrees with eastern vernaculars are thus the oblique form of weak α -bases, the termination of the second person singular of verbal tenses, the distinguishing of the various persons in the past tense, and the l -suffix of the same form. These points are of sufficient importance to justify us in stating a closer relationship between Marāṭhī and the languages of the east. It should, however, be borne in mind that all these characteristics can be explained from the features of Māhārāshtrī Prākṛit.

In many points Marāṭhī differs from all other Indo-Aryan vernaculars. We may mention the almost universal use by nouns of a distinct oblique base, the dative in s , the genitive suffix $ṭṣā$, the possessive pronouns $māḍḥā$, $mṃ$, $tudḥā$, thv , the numeral $paññās$, fifty, the conjunctive participle ending in $ān$ (compare, however, Oriyā), and so on.

The position of Marāṭhī as compared with other Indo-Aryan vernaculars may, therefore, be defined as follows. In some points it has developed peculiar forms of its own, in others it agrees with the languages of the inner group, more especially, in pronunciation, and in important points of inflexion it forms one group with the eastern vernaculars of the outer circle.

In the Konkan there are important points of agreement with Gujarātī, a fact which may perhaps be accounted for by the supposition that the Marāṭhī-speaking inhabitants of the Konkan once occupied the modern Gujarat, and only settled in the Konkan after having lived for some time in the neighbourhood of the Gujarātis. The tradition according to which their original home was Trihōtra may be a faint recollection of such a migration.

The Marāṭhī country has long been famous for its literature. The Vaidarbhī Rīti, the literary style of the Berar school of Sanskrit writers, was highly praised by Dandin, as far superior to the artificial style of the east, the Gaudiyā Rīti. The old Māhārāshtrī hymns fully justify this praise, and later poets such as Rājāsēkhara proudly mention Māhārāshtra as *Sarasvatī-janma-bhūh*, the birth-place of the goddess of eloquence, where the sweet and serene, the graceful and agreeable, nectar of poetry is found. We cannot in this place give even a rapid survey of the Prākṛit and Sanskrit literature connected with Māhārāshtra. We must be content to give a short account of the later literature in Marāṭhī.

The revival of literature in the Marāṭhī country is, just as is the case elsewhere in India, closely connected with the religious renaissance which can be traced from the time of Śaṅkara down to the present day. The oldest Marāṭhī literature is, therefore, religious. It is due to the wish to make the religious thoughts and ideas of the old Sanskrit literature accessible to those who were not masters of any language other than their own vernacular. Sanskrit works were, therefore, translated and free paraphrases were made. The bulk of Marāṭhī literature is of this description, and like its prototype, it is written in verse. Prose compositions are later, and have not played the same rôle.

For the history of Marāṭhī literature and the development of the Marāṭhī language it is of importance to note that almost all its poets have come from the Dekhan and the country round Paithan. The Konkan and Berar do not claim a single name of importance.

The beginning of Marāṭhī literature seems to be connected with the Vishnuite reformation inaugurated by Rāmānuja (beginning of the twelfth century). To him Vishnu was the 'Supreme Deity, endowed with every possible gracious attribute, full of love and pity for the sinful beings who adore him, and granting the released soul after death a home of eternal bliss near him.'

The same religious devotion to Vishnu, or, as he calls him Viṣṇobā, meets us in the *Abhangs*¹ of Nāmdēv, who is considered to be the first Marāṭhī poet. He was a tailor from Pandharpur, and probably flourished in the middle of the thirteenth century. Most of his works have been lost, but some of his stanzas have found their way into the *Īdigranth* of the Sikhs, and they can still impress us with his devotion to God for whom he longs 'as the Chakravāka longs for his mate or a child for its mother.'

A contemporary of Nāmdēv was Dnyānōbā, or Dnyānēśvar who wrote a paraphrase of the *Bhagavadgītā* in the *Ōrī* metre. He lived at Alandi, north of Poona, and his work, the *Dnyānēśvarī* or *Bhācārthadīpikā*, is dated Śaka 1212 = 1280 A.D. This work is very highly esteemed among the Marāṭhās. It is penetrated by deep religious feeling, but is also pervaded with the barren philosophy of later Hinduism.

The poet Mukundarāva probably belongs to the same age. His best known work is the *Tirēka Sindhū*, or Ocean of Discrimination, which is strongly influenced by orthodox Vedantism.

The next important poet whose works have been preserved is Ekanāth, a Rīgvedin from Parthan, who died in 1609. His favourite metre was the *Ōrī*, but he also wrote *Abhangs*. His principal works are based on Sanskrit originals and are devoted to the praise of Vishnu. His *Ītanāthī Bhāgavata* is based on the 11th *Skanda* of the *Bhāgavata-Purāna*, and has been printed in Bombay. He further wrote the *Bhāvārtha-Rāmāyana*, the *Rul min-Sayamcara*, the *Scātmasukha*, etc., and also composed works in Hindōstani. He was a contemporary of Shāhbjī, the father of Śivajī, and is spoken of as an ardent student of the *Dnyānēśvarī*.

His daughter's son was Mukṛēśvar, who was born in 1609, and lived at Parthan. He is often spoken of as the master of the *Ōrī* metre, and his principal works are paraphrases of Sanskrit originals. He wrote part of a *Mahābhārata*, a *Bhāgavata*, a *Śatanulha Rācanākhāna*, and, according to tradition, also a *Rāmāyana*.

We have now come down to the time of Śivajī, the founder of the Marāṭhā power. This national hero, who is usually known as a rude and treacherous warrior, was himself influenced by the growing Marāṭhī literature, and its greatest poet courted his favour. He sat as a pupil at the feet of Rāmdās (1608-1681), the son of a Kulkarnī in Jamb at the Godavari, who spent his life in devotion to Rāma, and hence changed his name Nārāyaṇ to Rāmdās. Śivajī is said at one time to have offered him his whole kingdom, but Rāmdās declined the offer, and continued till his death to live as an unmarried devotee. The principal work of this author is the *Dāśbōdh*, on religious duties, and he also wrote numerous *Abhangs* and *Ślōhas*.

Tukārām (1608-1619) was born at Delu, a small village to the north of Poona, and his father is said to have been a Śūdra. By profession he was a wandering reciter of *Kathās* or religious stories and legends, and he is considered to have brought the *Abhang* to the highest perfection. His poetry is devoted to the praise of Viṣṇobā. Religious longing and devotion, affectionate love and moral purity, are the keynotes of his verses, many of which are also remarkable for the sincere consciousness they exhibit of the idea of sin,—an expression of religious faith rarely met with in older literature, but which was in later times imitated by poets such as Mahīpati.

¹ '*Abhang*' is the name of a metre. The word means 'unbroken,' and refers to the poems being of indefinite length, and to the loose, flowing, nature of the rhythm.

A contemporary of Tukārām was Vāman Pandit (died 1673), a Rīgvēdin from Satara, who studied in Benares, and also wrote in Sanskrit. His style is heavy, and the predilection for *yamakas* and other artificial embellishments show the growing influence of the Sanskrit *Kāvya*. He wrote a commentary on the *Bhagavadgītā* in the *Ōṛī* metre, called the *Yathārthadīpikā*, and numerous works based on the *Mahābhārata*, the *Rāmāyana*, the *Bhāgavata*, and so on.

Śrīdhara (1678-1728), the most copious of all Marāṭha poets, was a Brāhman from the neighbourhood of Pandharpur. His works were mostly based on the Sanskrit epics and on the Purānas, and are highly popular. Some of the titles are *Rāmavijaya*, *Harivijaya*, *Pāṇḍavapātāpa*, *Śivalilāmṛta*, and so on.

Amṛtarāja, who was a Dēśastha Brāhman, lived in Aurangabad about the middle of the eighteenth century. He was renowned as a *śighra-kavi*,¹ and wrote also in Hindostānī. His works are partly based on the Purānas, and are partly of a more metaphysical description. They abound in various kinds of alliterations. Like Tukārām he used to perform recitations.

A younger contemporary of Amṛtarāja was Mōrōpant or Mayūra Pandit (1729-1794), a Karhādā Brāhman from Baramati in the Poona district. As a boy he acquired considerable proficiency in Sanskrit, in which language he also wrote some poems. His Marāṭhi works are largely influenced by Sanskrit poetry. He used all the artificial apparatus of Sanskrit rhetoric, and freely introduced Sanskrit words into his Marāṭhi. His works, which include a *Bhārata*, a *Bhāgavata*, several *Rāmāyanas*, a *Mayūrahākāvalī*, and so forth, are held in high estimation among his countrymen, but are less palatable to European taste.

Mahipati (1715-1790), a Dēśastha Brāhman of the Rīgvēdins from Tahrabad near Panthan, was an imitator of Tukārām, but his chief importance rests on the fact that he collected the popular traditions about national saints, and put them in a poetical form. His various works, such as the *Bhaktavijaya*, the *Bhaktalilāmṛta*, the *Santavijaya*, the *Santalilāmṛta*, are usually described as the Acta Sanctorum of the Marāṭhās. They are partly based on older works by Nābhājī and Udbhavachudgan, but partly also on oral tradition, and narrate the miraculous life and doings of older deified poets such as Dnyānōbā and Tukārām.

There are, besides, a great many minor poets, such as Ohintāmani, Raghunāth (end of eighteenth century), Prabhākara and others, who mainly based their poems on the Purānas, the Mahābhārata, and the Rāmāyana. It is not, however, possible to enter into details.

Almost all the Marāṭhi poetry mentioned on this and the preceding pages is religious. Erotic lyrics have, however, also been highly appreciated by the Marāṭhās from the earliest times. We possess a precious testimony to this leaning of the national mind in the famous *Sattasaī* of Hāla. In modern Marāṭhi the erotic poetry is principally represented by the so-called *Lāvāṇīs*, small ballads usually put into the mouths of women, and often of a rather scandalous description. Among the authors of *Lāvāṇīs* we may mention Anantaphandī (1744-1819), a Yajurvēdin from Ahnādnagar, who also mis-used his poetical genius in lavishing praise on Bājī Rāō, the last Peshwa, and Rāmjōśī (1762-1812), a Dēśastha Brāhman from Sholapur. In this connection we may also mention the *Naukā Kṛīdan* of Viśvanāth, and the *Anangang* of Kalyāna Mala.

¹ A *śighra-kavi* is a poet who is able to compose a poem on any topic without preparation or delay, an *improvisatore* or extemporising poet.

The feats of the national heroes from Śivaji and downwards, have furnished materials for numerous *Pāvādās*, or war-ballads, mostly by nameless poets, which are sung everywhere in the country. Lastly, the numerous proverbs current among the Marāthās should be noticed. A good selection has been published by Manwaring. See Authorities below.

The prose literature in Marāthī is of much smaller importance. It embraces narratives of historical events, the so-called *Bakhars*, moral maxims such as the *Vidur Niti*; folk tales, such as the *Pētāl Pantevīśī*, the *Simhāsan Battīśī*, the *Śuk Bāhattarī*, and so forth. In modern times a copious literature of prose works has arisen, mainly translations from English, and several journals and newspapers in Marāthī are published, chiefly in Bombay and Poona.

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Mahārāshṭra as the name of a country, does not seem to occur before the sixth century A D, when it is mentioned by Varāhamihira in his *Bṛhat-Saṃhitā*, v, 64. The reference to the language of Mahārāshṭra as the base of the principal Prākṛit in Dandin's *Kāvyādarśa*, i, 35, belongs to about the same time.

The name was also known to the Chinese pilgrim Hsuen Tsang, to Albirūnī, and to Ziāu'd-dīn Barnī. See the references in Yule's *Hobson-Jobson*, s v *Mahratta*.

The first reference to Mahārāshṭri as the name of a language seems to be in Vararuchi's Prākṛit Grammar, the date of which cannot be ascertained. Other grammarians simply use *Prākṛitam*, i e, the Prākṛit language, instead.

Later authors, such as Rāmatarakavāgīśa and Kramadīśvara, mention a dialect called Dākṣhinātyā as a form of Apabhramśa, i e, in this connection, as one of the vernaculars of India. Dākṣhinātyā is, in the *Sāhitya Darpana* stated to be identical with Vaidarbhuḥkā, the vernacular of Berar. Dākṣhinātyā is usually mentioned together with Māgadhī and Ardhamāgadhī and Professor Lassen was therefore inclined to class it with those dialects. We are not, however, told that Dākṣhinātyā has any characteristics of its own. On the contrary, Mārkaṇḍeya expressly states that Dākṣhinātyā is not a separate dialect, *lakṣhanākaranāt*, because it has no characteristic marks of its own. It is, therefore, impossible to base anything upon the names Dākṣhinātyā and Vaidarbhuḥkā. They may, or may not, correspond to the modern Dakṣiṇī and Varhādī, the dialects of the Dekhan and Berar respectively. Modern Marāthī is, at all events, so old that the mention of Dākṣhinātyā and Vaidarbhuḥkā can refer to it. The oldest Marāthī inscription of which anything is known, goes back to about A D 1115-8, and an inscription of some extent is dated A D 1207. Compare *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol i, pp 343 and f, Vol vii, p 109. It should be mentioned that a reference to the dialect of the Dākṣhinātyās, or Southerners, occurs in the *Mrihohhakaṭṭkā*, where we are told that it was no distinct form of speech. On account of their knowledge of various aboriginal languages the Dākṣhinātyās are said to speak as they thought proper. The passages which might be expected to illustrate this dialect are, however, written in Śaurasēnī.

The first mention of the Marāthā country in Europe seems to be found in Friar Jordanus' *Mirabilia Descripta* (c 1328). The passage containing the reference has been reprinted in Yule's *Hobson-Jobson*, i c, and is as follows —

'c 1328 "In this Greater India are twelve idolatrous Kings, and more Kingdom of Maratha which is very great"—Friar Jordanus, 41'

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The same authority also reproduces the earliest mention of the Marāṭhī language of which I am aware. It has been taken from John Fryer's—*A New Account of East India and Persia*, London, 1698, and it is dated 1673. It is as follows —

'1673 " They tell their tale in Moratty by Profession they are Gentues "—Fryer, 174'

Other old references to the Marāṭhās and their country will be found in *Hobson-Jobson*. They may here be left out of consideration, and we shall turn to early mentions of the language.

The Konkani form of Marāṭhī was early dealt with by Portuguese missionaries, who called it the northern dialect of Kōṅkanī. A paraphrase of the contents of the Gospels in that language by Francisco Vas de Guimaraens, was printed in 1659, and a grammar by an unknown missionary was completed in the seventeenth century. See the authorities quoted under Konkani Standard below, p. 65.

The Kōṅkani dialect was described at a still earlier date. The old references will be found among the authorities dealing with that form of speech. See p. 166.

Marāṭhī itself began to occupy European scholars early in the eighteenth century. It was considered to comprise two dialects, Balabande and Marāṭhī. In reality, however, these are only the two common characters used in writing Marāṭhī, Balabande corresponding to the Bālbōdh and Marāṭhī to the Mōḍi character.

Marāṭhī does not seem to be represented in the translations of the Lord's Prayer published by Joh. Chamberlayne in 1715. La Croze in a letter to Theophilus Siegfried Bayer dated November, 1731, mentions Marāṭhī as *Marathica lingua*, also called *Balabande*. He rightly remarks that the written character is identical with Dēvanāgarī. See *Thesaurus epistolicus Lacrozianus*, Vol. III, Lipsiae 1746, p. 64, where a specimen of the written character is given. La Croze derives the alphabet from Hebrew.

In the same work, Vol. I, Lipsiae 1742, p. 338, is printed a letter from Benj. Schultze, the well-known author of one of the first Hindōstānī grammars, who for some time lived as a missionary in Madras. The letter is dated the 28th January 1734, and it contains the incidental remark that Schultze had sent specimens in the Dēvanāgarī and Balabande languages to Europe. We learn from other sources that he furnished translations of the Lord's Prayer into Marāṭhī. His manuscripts were preserved in Leipzig, and afterwards published in several collections, for the first time in the *Orientalisch- und Occidentalischer Sprachmeister* of Johann Friedrich Fritz. This book which was printed at Leipzig, 1748, was an enlarged reprint of a similar work by Johann Heinrich Hager, published in Leipzig, 1741, which is, in its turn, based on older collections by Andreas Müller. The *Sprachmeister* was, however, revised by the Danish Missionary Benj. Schultze, just mentioned, who added 15 Indian specimens from his own collections. It accordingly contains the Mōḍi character on pp. 94 and ff. which is called *Marathicum Alphabetum*. On pp. 120 and ff. some remarks on Hindōstānī, taken from Schultze's *Grammatica Hindostanica*, have been printed. We are here told that the *Balabandish* and *Marathish* language is a daughter of the *Dewanagara* language, that is of Sanskrit. P. 124 gives the *Balabandu*, i.e., the Bālbōdh character. On p. 206, we find the first ten numerals in Marāṭhī figures. Between pp. 212 and 213 is inserted a comparative vocabulary called *Tabula exhibens harum linguarum affinitatem et differentiam*. The fifth and sixth columns in this table contain some words in Marāṭhī, with the headings *Marathice* and *Balabandice*, respectively. The two columns are identical. Column 9 contains the same words in Kōṅkanī, *Cuncance*. To the *Sprachmeister* is annexed a

collection of versions of the Lord's Prayer. It includes the Lord's Prayer in Goanica, p 85, Balabandeca, p 90, and Marathica, p 93, all by Schultze. The *Sprachmeister* furnishes the materials for the mention of the 'Marathica' and 'Balabandeca' languages in the *Alphabetum Brammhanicum seu Indostanum universitatis Kasl Romæ*, 1761, p 11. This work, which was published by the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide, was soon followed by the *Grammatica Marasta*, Rom, 1778, and a *Catechismo da Doutrina Cristam*, Rom, 1778, in Portuguese and Marāthi.

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Marāthī is usually written in the so-called Bālbōdh or in the so-called Mōdī character¹

Written character

Bālbōdh, *lit* 'teachable to children' is identical with Dēva-nāgarī, and has been described in Vol v Part II, pp. 7 and ff

It is used in almost all printed books, and also, to a great extent, in private transactions and letters. The Mōdī character is almost totally confined to the latter kind of writing. An example of its use will be found on pp 259 and ff. It consists of the following signs —

VOWELS

अ a इ ā ए ॆ, े औ u, ū,
 ऐ ē औ ai ओ ō ई au ए am यः ah

CONSONANTS.

क ka ख ha ग ga घ gha ङ na
 च cha छ chha ज ja झ jha ञ ña
 ट ta ठ tha ड da ढ dha ण na
 त ta थ tha द da ध dha न na
 प pa फ pha ब ba भ bha म ma
 य ya र ra ल la व va
 श śa ष sha स sa ह ha
 ळ la क्ष ksha ण dnya

The forms of the vowels given above are only used at the beginning of words or syllables. When the vowels follow a consonant they are expressed by means of secondary signs in the same way as in the Dēvanāgarī alphabet. For the sake of teaching these signs the alphabet is disposed in *Bāṛākh'dis*, or series of twelve letters, each containing a consonant combined with all possible vocalic sounds. Such Bāṛākh'dis are —

क-का-की-की-कु-कु-के-के-को-को-कं-काः
 ka kā ki kī ku kū kē kē kō kō kām kah
 ग-गा-गी-गी-गु-गु-गे-गे-गो-गो-गं-गाः
 ga gā gi gī gu gū gē gē go go gam gah
 ट-टा-ती-ती-तु-तु-ते-ते-तो-तो-तं-ताः
 ta tā ti tī tu tū tē tē to to tam tah

A short note on the *Modī Character* by B. A. Gupta will be found in the *Indian Antiquary* Vol xxxiv, 1905, pp 27 and ff

In Kōṅkāṇī the Kanarese and also the Roman alphabet are often used for the printing and writing of the dialect. Compare below p 107. The Kanarese letters have been described in Volume IV under Kanarese.

Mr Beames has justly pointed out that Marāṣṭhī has 'a very decided individuality, a type quite its own, arising from its comparative isolation for so many centuries'. The vocabulary chiefly consists of Taddhavyas of different age. The loans from Persian are comparatively unimportant. On the other hand, old Taddhavyas have, since the revival of Marāṣṭhī literature, to some extent been replaced by Sanskrit loan-words. Thus, we now find *prasād*, favour, instead of the *pasāy* of Dandin's poetry, *qamblir*, deep, instead of his *qahru*, *nāth*, a lord, instead of his *rah*, and so on. The general character of Marāṣṭhī has been described by Mr Beames as follows:—'Marāṣṭhī is one of those languages which one may call playful—it delights in all sorts of jingling formations and has struck out a larger quantity of secondary and tertiary words, diminutives, and the like, than any of the other tongues'.

Pronunciation.—The short *a* is pronounced like the *u* in English 'but'. In Kōṅkāṇī, however, it assumes the open sound of *o* in 'hot,' as is also the case in Bengali. Thus *roḥē*, to go. A short *a* is inherent in every consonant which is not combined with any other vowel. In poetry this short *a* is always pronounced. Thus, *ghar*, a house, is pronounced *ahara*. Such a word is therefore, said to be disyllabic. In the same way *gharā*, to a house, is said to have three syllables, and so on. On the other hand, in everyday speech the final short *a* of a polysyllabic word is not pronounced. Thus, *ghar*, a house, *bahan*, a sister.

In a word of three syllables, which ends in a vowel other than *a*, a short *a* in the penultimate is slurred, thus *ḥāl'ā*, a sieve. In words of four syllables a short *a* in the antepenultimate is silent, thus, *lar'rat*, a saw. In a word of five syllables a short *a* in the second syllable, and, if the word does not end in a silent *a*, in the penultimate is silent. Thus, *ḥir'harat*, resemblance, *car'tar'la*, an extra payment. The short *a* in compound words is dropped in the same cases as in the uncompounded word. Thus, *ti-sar'lā*, he forgets, *lal'at'nē*, to be agitated.

These rules are observed in the Kōṅkāṇ, in the northern part of the Dekhan, Borar, and the Central Provinces. In the Dekhan south of Poona every short *a* is fully sounded, though the educated classes try to conform their speech to the Poona standard, thus, *ḥisaralā*, he forgot. A final *a* is, however, in most cases silent. This tendency to pronounce the short *a* is probably due to the influence of the neighbouring Kanarese. It is most strongly developed in Kollhapur where even the short final *a* is often fully sounded, thus, *dōna*, two. Similar is the case in the dialect of the Saraswat Brahmans of Karwar. See below, pp 188 and ff.

Short and long *a* are often interchangeable with *ē*, more especially in the termination of neuter bases, of the instrumental and of verbal forms, and in the termination *ēn* of the future. Thus, *gharē*, *gharā*, and *gharā*, houses, *bāpā-nē* and *bāpā-nā*, by the father, *sangit'lē* and *sangit'lā* or *sangit'lā*, it was said, *mhanēn*, *mhanān*, or *mhanan*, I shall say. The *a* forms are not admitted into literature or into the language of the educated classes in the Dekhan, but are quite common in the Kōṅkāṇ, Borar and the Central Provinces.

Short *i* and *u* as final vowels only occur in loan-words such as *matī*, intelligence, *bhannu*, sun. In the dialect of the Saraswat Brahmans of Karwar, however, final *i* and *u* are quite common.

I and *u* are always long in the penultimate of words ending in a silent *a*, thus *mārīt*, striking, *lākhūd*, wood, *ūś*, a sugarcane. They are short when they are followed by a full nasal sound, thus, *unt*, camel. These rules, however, only apply to the language of the educated classes.

When a word is inflected or ends in a long vowel the long *ī* and *ū* of the penultimate are shortened or changed to *ē*, thus, *mārīt*, striking, *mārītā* or *mārītā*, while striking.

A long *ā* is apparently also shortened under the same conditions, though it is written as long, thus, *hātās*, written *hātās*, to the hand; *kanās*, written *kānās*, to the ear. In such cases *a* has the sound of *a* in Italian *ballo*.

E is commonly pronounced as *yē*, thus, *yēk* and *ēk*, one. This form is common everywhere with the exception of Poona and the neighbourhood. Literary forms such as *yēnē*, to come, *yēthē*, and *ēlhē*, here, etc., show that the pronunciation of *ē* as *yē* has been common all over the Marāthī country. *Ē* is commonly interchangeable with *yā*, thus, *tē*, or *tyā*, *vēlēs*, at that time. Compare *śam-bhar*, for *śyam-bhar*, and *śem-bhar*, hundred.

The Anusvāra is commonly written before surd consonants in order to denote the nasal corresponding to the consonant. Thus, *उट unt*, a camel, *मांडी māṇḍī*, a thigh. Such nasals occur before soft mutes, and also, if the preceding vowel is short, before hard mutes. In other cases the Anusvāra coalesces with the preceding vowel to a nasal vowel which is indicated by means of the Anunāsika. Thus, *अंत*, inside, *bhōvāt*, an eyebrow. In Sanskrit words the Anunāsika before *r*, *ś*, *sh*, *s*, and *h* is pronounced as a nasal *ṛ*, and before *y*, *l*, and *v* as a nasal *ṛ*, *l*, *ṛ*, respectively. Thus, *saṁsār*, the world, *saṁhā*, destruction of the universe, *saṁyōg*, junction.

The Anunāsika is often dropped, or, when it is considered necessary to pronounce it distinctly, in order to distinguish between forms which would otherwise be confounded, replaced by *n*. The latter pronunciation is especially used in honorific words such as *tyānlā*, to him (honorific plural). Thus, *gharāt*, in the house, *tyā-nē*, by him. In the Southern Konkan, however, the nasal pronunciation is very marked.

The gutturals, dentals, and labials are pronounced as in Sanskrit.

The palatals are pronounced as in Sanskrit in words borrowed from that language and from Hindostānī, and in Marāthī words before *r*, *ī*, *ē*, and *y*, thus, *chand*, fierce, *jamā*, collected, *chikhal*, mud, *bāpā-chē* *ghar*, the father's house, *māghyā* *gharāt*, in my house. *Ch* is also pronounced in the same way in *chār*, four. This form is derived from Prākṛit *chattār* and *chaurō* probably through the steps *chaār*, *chyār*, compare *ghōdyās* from *ghōdaassa*, *ghōdaās*, to a horse. The numeral 'forty' is usually pronounced *tsālīs*. In other cases the palatals are pronounced as *ts*, *tsḥ*, *dz*, *dzḥ*, respectively. In the Konkan this pronunciation is also common before *ē*. Thus, *tsākar*, a servant, *dzānē*, to go, *dzē* (Konkan), which.

Jī is pronounced as *ḍny*, or, in the Konkan, as *gy*, thus, *ḍnyān* or *gyān*, knowledge. The sound only occurs in borrowed words.

The cerebrals are usually pronounced as in Sanskrit. The cerebral *d* after vowels is, however, pronounced as an *r* in the Central and Northern Konkan, and as an *r* in some dialects in Berar and the Central Provinces, and probably also elsewhere. Thus, *ghōḍā*, *ghōṛā* and *ghōṛā*, a horse. We may compare the change of *d* to *l* between vowels in Māhārāshtrī-Prākṛit, thus, Sanskrit *tadāga*, Māhārāshtrī *talāa*, Marāthī *talē*, a tank. In some rustic dialects in Berar *d* is, in a similar way, often confounded with *l*, thus, *ghōḷā*, a horse, *ḍavad*, near. The cerebral *n* is often confounded with the dental *n*, though both

have a different origin, thus, *pānī* instead of *pānī*, water. It has often been stated that the cerebral *u* is more common in the Konkan. This statement, however, only applies to the Kōnkanī dialect, where the two sounds seem to be correctly distinguished. In Nagpur every dental *u* is said to become cerebral. All the specimens forwarded for the use of this Survey, however, give a dental *u* in all places.

Marāṭhī possesses a cerebral (ऌ) as well as a dental (ऍ) *l*-sound. The former is derived from a single *l* between vowels in Prākṛit, the latter from a double *ll*, thus, *lāl*, Māhārāshṭrī *lālō*, time, *phāl*, Māhārāshṭrī *phullam*, flower. The cerebral *l* is pronounced by putting the tip of the tongue against the palate and allowing the air to pass on both sides. On the coast, from Thana to Rajapur, the cerebral *l* has become dental, and in Berar and the Central Provinces it is often pronounced as an *r* or as a *y*. Thus, *mālī*, *mālī*, *mārī*, and *māyī*, a gardener.

The consonant *o* has a sound between *o* and *uo*. It is produced by bringing both the lips (not only the lower one as in English) in contact with the upper teeth, the rounding of the lips being less than in pronouncing a *uo*. Before *e*, *i*, *ē*, *y*, and *h* it sounds almost like a *e*, while in other positions it approaches the sound of *uo*. A final *o* coalesces with a preceding vowel to a kind of diphthong, thus, *gāv*, a village, pronounced almost as *gāō* or *gāē*. Before *e*, *i*, and *ē*, a *o* has a tendency to be dropped. Thus, we find *estō* and *ristar*, fire, *īs* and *rīs*, twenty, *yēl* and *ēl*, time. Such forms occur all over the Marāṭhī country, especially in rustic dialects.

Marāṭhī has two *s*-sounds, a dental *s* and a palatal *ś*. The latter is used before *e*, *i*, and *ē*, and *y*, and in loan-words from Sanskrit and Persian. Thus, *śimphī*, a caste name, *śl*, a stone, *śēt*, field, *śyām*, blue. Similarly *śam-bhar*, instead of *śyam-bhar* or *śem-bhar*, hundred. Dialectically every *ś* is changed to *s*. A cerebral *sh* only occurs in borrowed words such as *lēsh*, rest, *lēsh-nē*, to dry up. It is pronounced as an *ś*.

Aspirated letters have often lost their aspiration, thus, *hāt*, Prākṛit *hattha*, hand, *mādē*, Prākṛit *majjha*, waist, *sāng-nē*, Prākṛit *saṃghāī*, to say. In the Southern Konkan and Dekhan, where Marāṭhī borders on Kanarese, disaspiration is almost the rule.

Nouns.—Nouns may end in a short silent *a*, or in a long vowel, including *ē*, with or without nasalisation. A few nouns end in *ai*, *ō*, and *au*. Final *e* and *u* only occur in borrowed words such as *lavi*, a poet, *mati*, intelligence, *dhēnu*, a cow.

The bases of nouns are weak, when they end in a short inherent *a*, or strong, when they end in a long vowel or a diphthong. Thus, weak, *ghai*, house, *blint*, wall. Strong, *ghōdā*, horse, *mōlī*, pearl. The long final of strong bases is derived from contraction. Thus, *ghōdā* goes back to a Prākṛit *ghōdaū*, *mōlī* to a Prākṛit *molltam*.

Gender.—There are three genders, masculine, feminine, and neuter. The neuter is used to denote inanimate beings, and also animate beings in the plural where both the natural genders are included, or the gender is left undecided, thus, *mān-sē*, people. In the Konkan the neuter singular is commonly used to denote females before the age of puberty, thus, *chōdē*, a girl. In the plural the neuter is often used as a honorific feminine, thus, *bāī-sāhīb ālī*, the lady came.

Strong bases ending in *ā* are, if they are not borrowed words, masculine. The corresponding feminine and neuter terminations are *ī* and *ē*, respectively, thus, *mul-gā*, a boy, *mul-gī*, a girl, *mul-gē*, a child.

Number.—There are two numbers, the singular and the plural. Of masculine nouns only those ending in *ā*, which take *ē* instead of *ā*, change for the plural. Thus, *bāp*, father, fathers, but *ghōdā*, a horse, *ghōdē*, horses.

The past participle of transitive verbs is passive. Thus, while *vāchit* means 'reading,' *vāchilā* means 'having been read,' 'read.' 'The boy reads a book' is *mulgā pōthi vāchitō*, but 'the boy read a book' must be expressed 'a book was read by the boy,' *mulgā-nē pōthi vāchilī*. Here the verb agrees in number, person, and gender with the object. This construction is called the *karman prayōga*, or Passive construction and is used in all cases where the object is uninflected.

In other cases the participle is put in the neuter gender, and the object of the verb is put in the dative. Instead of 'I killed him' we thus say 'a killing was done by me with reference to him,' *myā tvā-lā mārile*. This is called the *bhāvē prayōga*, or Impersonal construction. It is used when the object is inflected, that is, in most cases where the object of a transitive verb is a person. In the Konkan, however, the passive construction is often also used in such cases.

The future participle passive or participle of necessity never has an active sense. Thus, *ṭālācē* means 'to be gone,' *cundum*, and *mārācē*, which is to be killed, *interficiendum*. The tenses formed from this participle of intransitive verbs should accordingly be expected to be used in the impersonal construction, thus, *myā ūthāvē*, it is to be risen by me, I should rise. A tendency exists, however, to forget the passive force of the participle, and thus we often find the active construction, the participle agreeing in gender, number, and person with the subject. Thus, *tō ūthāvā*, he may, or might, rise, *tī ūthāvī*, she may rise, etc. In the case of transitive verbs either the passive or the impersonal construction is used. Thus, *ap'rādha na karāvā*, sin should not be committed, *myā rāṭṭācē*, I should read.

The preceding remarks will have shown that transitive and intransitive verbs differ in construction in the past tense and in the subjunctive. There are, however, some transitive verbs which take the active construction in their past tense. Such verbs are *tar'nē*, to pass over, *padh'nē*, to study, *pāṭ'nē*, to obtain, *piṇē*, to drink, *bōl'nē*, to speak, *mhan'nē*, to say, *lēnē*, to put on, *visar'nē*, to forget, *śik'nē*, to learn, *samadṣ'nē*, to understand, *har'nē*, to loose, etc. Thus, *tō bōl'tō*, he said, *tī dhadā śik'li*, she has learnt her lesson.

The Marāṭhī verb is generally stated to have two conjugations. The first comprises intransitive verbs and such transitives as use the active construction, the second most transitives. Verbs ending in vowels and *h* form their present tense after the first conjugation. Verbs ending in *h* form their past tense after the second conjugation, while the past tense of vocable roots is irregular.

Both conjugations agree in the formation of most tenses. They differ in the following particulars. In the present and past participles and in tenses formed from them an *i* is inserted between the base and the suffixes in the second conjugation, while verbs following the first insert an *a*. Thus *mārīt*, striking, *uthat*, arising, *māṭilā*, struck, *uthīlā*, arisen. Similarly the characteristic vowel of the habitual past and the future is *i* in the second, and *ā*, or, dialectically, *ā*, in the first conjugation. Thus, *mī karin*, I shall do, *mī ūthīn*, or *uthān*, I shall arise.

The two conjugations are, however, continually confounded, not only in poetry, but also in the current speech of the people, especially in Berar, the Central Provinces, and the Konkan.

The terminations of the various persons will be found in the Skeleton Grammar on pp. 31 and 32. It should, however, be noted that the difference between the second and third persons has a strong tendency to disappear. The details are as follows.

In the singular the second person usually takes the form of the third person in Berar and the Central Provinces. Thus, *tu ahē*, thou art, *tu gēlā*, thou wentest. In Kōnkanī the second person usually ends in *y*, thus, *tū āsāy*, thou art.

In the plural the second person often has the same termination as the third in Dekhan and Kōnkanī, thus, *āhāt*, Kōnkanī *āsāt*, you are, in Sholapur even *āhōt*, we are. In Berar and the Central Provinces the second person plural of the past tense is usually like the third, and in Kōnkanī also the first person plural takes the same form. Thus, Berar *qilī*, you went, they went, Kōnkanī *gele*, we went, you went, they went.

A dialectical termination of the second person plural is *v*, which is found in a few cases in the Konkan, thus, *hāv* and *hā*, you are, *mār'āv*, you shall strike.

The third person singular often ends in *n* in the Konkan, Berar, and the Central Provinces, regularly only in the past tense of transitive verbs. Thus, *tyā-na sāngit'lān*, he said.

The verb substantive has in the Konkan a form different from that used in other districts, *ā* being substituted for *ō*, thus, *mī hāy* instead of *mī hōy*, I am.

The present tense of finite verbs will be found in the Skeleton Grammar. Instead of the termination *ē* of the first person singular neuter, however, we commonly find *ō* in the Dekhan, thus, *mī karitō*, I (neuter subject) do. The termination *tē* used with a subject of the feminine gender is commonly replaced by *tī* in the Dekhan and *tyē* in the Konkan. Thus, *ti karitī*, or *karitīyē*, she does.

In the Konkan, Berar, and the Central Provinces, the present tense is very commonly formed by adding the abbreviated verb substantive to the present participle without any change for gender. Thus, Konkan *mī sōditāy*, that is *sōdit-hāy*, I seek, Berar *tō, tē, yētē*, he, she, comes, Nagpur *tē dātāt*, they go.

The past and future participles passive are commonly used as verbal nouns. The past participle passive in such cases takes a subject in the nominative, in the same way as when it is used as a past tense. A postposition is afterwards added, the participle being inflected like an ordinary noun. Thus, *tum-chi tsāk'ī sōdilyā-var*, your service left-on, on having left your service, *tujhī āi vār'lyā-pāsūn*, thy mother dead-from, since your mother's death.

The future participle passive is used in the dative and genitive cases as an infinitive of purpose, a verbal noun, and a gerundive. Thus, *bāg pāh'cyās tsālā*, go to see the garden, *vāt'sāv'yā-chē pustak*, a book to read, *mī marāv'yā-tsī nāhī*, I am not to die.

The usual verbal nouns will be found in the Skeleton Grammar. Several other dialectical forms occur, thus, *tsārāvā-lā*, in order to tend (Konkan, Berar, Central Provinces), formed from a base *tsārāv*, *karā-lē*, in order to do, *tsārāy-lē*, in order to tend (same localities), form a verbal noun *tsār*, *tsār'yā-lē*, in order to tend (Berar), from a verbal noun *tsārē*, and so on.

The conjunctive participle usually ends in *ūn*, thus, *karūn*, having done. Besides this there is a form ending in *ōn*, corresponding to poetical forms ending in *ōn*, *ōn*, *ōnyā*. It is occasionally met with all over the Marāṭhī country, thus, *nighōn*, having gone out.

Several forms of the transitive verb are, as has already been pointed out, in reality passive. There is, accordingly, no necessity for a separate passive voice. Marāṭhī has further preserved many verbal doublets, the one being intransitive or an old passive, the other an active verb. Thus, *gaḷ'nē*, to drop, *gāl'nē*, to strain, *tsar'nē*, to graze, *tsār'nē*, to cause to graze, to feed, *pad'nē*, to fall, *pāḍ'nē*, to fell, *tuf'nē*, to be

broken, *tōd'nē*, to break, etc. In other cases the passive is expressed in a periphrastic way, thus, *tyā-tsā uddhār hōil*, he will be saved. The Hindi passive, formed by adding the verb 'to go' to the past participle passive, is used in business letters, and does not really belong to the language, thus, *mī mārīlā dzāin*, I shall be struck.

The potential verb is formed from the future participle passive and is always used in the passive or the impersonal construction. Thus, *ma-lā uthar'tē*, for-me arising can be-done, I can rise.

Old passive forms are *pāhyē*, it is wanted, *mhan'jē*, namely, *lit.* it is said. Other old passives only occur in poetry.

When the preceding remarks are borne in mind it is hoped that the principal features of the language will be easily understood from the short grammatical sketch which follows.

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I - NOUNS

Masculine nouns				Feminine nouns			Neuter nouns		
Sing Nom	<i>lāp</i> , a father.	<i>mālī</i> , a gar- dener	<i>ghōḍā</i> , a horse	<i>bhīnt</i> , a wall	<i>mālī</i> , a gar- land	<i>ghōḍī</i> , a mare	<i>ghar</i> , a house	<i>mōḷī</i> , a pearl	<i>mul'gḍ</i> , a child
Obl	<i>bāp</i>	<i>mālyā</i>	<i>ghōḍyā</i>	<i>bhīnti</i>	<i>mālī</i>	<i>ghōḍī</i>	<i>gharā</i>	<i>mōṭyā</i>	<i>mul'gyā</i>
Plur Nom	<i>bāp</i>	<i>mālī</i>	<i>ghōḍē</i>	<i>bhīnti</i>	<i>mālī</i>	<i>ghōḍyā</i>	<i>gharē</i>	<i>mōṭyā</i>	<i>mul'gī</i>
Obl	<i>bāpā</i>	<i>mālyā</i>	<i>ghōḍyā</i>	<i>bhīntī</i>	<i>mālī</i>	<i>ghōḍyā</i>	<i>gharyā</i>	<i>mōṭyā</i>	<i>mul'gyā</i>

The oblique base is used as a Vocative, thus, *bāpā*, O father. Other cases are formed by adding postpositions to the oblique form. Some of the cases are *nē*, plur *nī* (case of the agent), *nē*, plur *nī* and *si* (Instrumental), *s*, *lā*, plur *s*, *lā*, *nā* (Dative), *hūn*, *ūn* (Ablative), *tā*, *chī*, *n* *chī* (Genitive). The Accusative is usually the same as the Nominative. Thus *bāp*, a father, Instrumental *bāpā-nē*, plur *bāpā-nī*; Genitive *bāpī tā*. The Dative termination *s* is no true postposition, thus, *bāpās*, to a father. Old Locatives are *gharī*, in the house, *pīyā* at the feet.

II - PRONOUNS

	I	We	Thou	You	Self	Who?	What?	How many?
Nom	<i>mī</i> , <i>mī</i>	<i>āmāhī</i>	<i>tū</i>	<i>tumhā</i>	<i>āpan</i>	<i>kōn</i>	<i>lāy</i>	<i>kitī</i>
Instr	<i>mī</i> <i>mvā</i>	<i>āmāhī</i>	<i>tū tū</i>	<i>tumhā</i>	<i>āpan</i>	<i>kōnī</i>	<i>lāsā-nē</i>	<i>kitī-nī</i>
Dat	<i>ma lā</i> , <i>madā lā</i>	<i>āmāhā lā</i>	<i>tu lā</i> , <i>tudā lā</i>	<i>tumhā-lā</i>	<i>āp'nā lā</i>	<i>kōnā lā</i>	<i>lāsā lā</i>	<i>kitī lā</i>
Gen	<i>mādāhā</i>	<i>ām tāsā</i>	<i>tudāhā</i>	<i>tum tāsā</i>	<i>āp'lā</i>	<i>kōnā tāsā</i>	<i>lāsā tāsā</i>	<i>kitī tāsā</i>
Obl	<i>madā</i>	<i>āmāhā</i>	<i>tudā</i>	<i>tumhā</i>	<i>āp'nā</i>	<i>kōnā</i>	<i>lāsā</i>	<i>kitī</i>

(1) Also used as an honorific singular. (2) Also used as an honorific pronoun, and to denote the plural of the first person including the person addressed. (3) Also *āp'lā*, plural *āp'nā*. (4) Plural *lōṇā lā*, etc. (5) Also *lōṇyā*, *kōnē*. (6) Plural *lāsā nī*, etc.

Indefinite Pronouns—*Kōn'ēl*, *lōnī-ēl*, obl *-ēlā*, some one, *kōn'nā*, *f -sī*, *-sē*, obl *-syā*, some one, *kōnī*, obl *kōnī*, anyone, *lāhī* obl *lāhī*, something, some.

Demonstratives and Relatives

This				
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	
Nom	<i>hā</i>	<i>hi</i>	<i>hē</i>	Thus also <i>tō</i> , he, that, <i>f tī</i> , <i>n tē</i> , <i>qāḍ</i> , who, which, <i>f jī</i> , <i>n jē</i> . The oblique form is used before inflected nouns. Thus, <i>tūyā gharāt</i> , in that house. The plural is regular, thus, <i>hā</i> , <i>f hyā</i> , <i>n hī</i> gen <i>hyā tāsā</i> , etc.
Instr	<i>hyī nē</i>	<i>hi nē</i>	as masc	
Dat	<i>hā lā</i> , <i>hyī</i> , <i>hyāḍ</i> <i>lā</i>	<i>hi lā</i> , <i>hī</i> , <i>hiḍā lā</i>	as masc	
Abl	<i>hyā hūn</i> , <i>hyāḍ hūn</i>	<i>hi hūn</i>	as masc	
Gen	<i>hyā tāsā</i>	<i>hi tāsā</i>	as masc	
Obl	<i>hyā</i>	<i>hyā</i>	<i>hyā</i>	

(1) *hā* is sometimes substituted for *hyā*, and *s* for *hi*, thus gen *yā tāsā*, *f -tāsā*.

III - VERBS

A - Auxiliary Verbs and Verbs Substantive

	I am, etc	I was, etc	I am not
Pres 1	<i>āhī</i>	<i>hōḷō</i> , <i>f hōḷō</i> <i>n hōḷē</i>	<i>nachō</i> , or <i>nāhī</i>
2	<i>āhī</i>	<i>hōḷō</i> , <i>f hōḷō</i> <i>n hōḷē</i>	<i>nachā</i> , <i>nachās</i> , or <i>nāhīs</i>
3	<i>āhī</i>	<i>hōḷō</i> , <i>f hōḷō</i> <i>n hōḷē</i>	<i>nachā</i> , or <i>nāhī</i>
Past 1	<i>āhō</i>	<i>hōḷō</i>	<i>nachō</i> , or <i>nāhī</i>
2	<i>āhō</i>	<i>hōḷō</i>	<i>nachā</i> , or <i>nāhī</i>
3	<i>āhī</i>	<i>hōḷō</i> , <i>f hōḷō</i> <i>n hōḷē</i>	<i>nachā</i> , or <i>nāhī</i>

These are the Auxiliary Verbs, 'I was not', etc. The second form of the Present *āhī* etc., means 'to be', 'to exist', while *āhī*, etc., is the pure Present. The first form *āhī* etc., is used as a Habitual Present, 'I usually am'; and the second form *āhī* etc., is used as a Conditional, 'should I be', etc.

The first form *āhī* etc., is also used as the past participle passive or the dative of the verbal noun; thus *ma hī āhī pāhyā*, I want, or must have, to come. The corresponding negative is *nāhī*; thus, *ma hī āhī nāhī* he does not want to come. *āhī* etc., is also used as the Imperative. Thus *āhī* etc., don't give.

B—Finite Verb

FIRST CONJUGATION—*Uḥā'nē*, to riseInfinitive *uḥā'nē*Verbal Nouns—(1) *uḥā'nē*, (2) *uḥā'nē*, *yī lā*, *yā-chā*; (3) *uḥā'nē*, *yī lā*, *yā chā*; (4) *uḥā'nē*Participle Pres., *uḥā'nē*, Past, *uḥā'nē*, Future, *uḥā'nē*; Noun of Agency, *uḥā'nē*Conjunctive Participle *uḥā'nē*, having risen.Adverbial Participle *uḥā'nē*, *uḥā'nē*, while rising

	Present, I rise, etc.	Past, I rose, etc.	Past habi- tual, I used to rise, etc.	Future, I shall rise, etc.	Subjunctive, I may rise, etc.		Imperative, rise, etc.
					Active construction	Impersonal con- struction	
Step 1	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>myā</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>
2	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>lē</i>	
3	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>lē</i>	
Flar 1	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>
2	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>
3	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i> f. <i>ē</i> , n. <i>ē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>uḥā'nē</i>

Present Definite I am rising, etc., *uḥā'nē*, etc.Imperfect, I was rising, etc., *uḥā'nē*, *uḥā'nē*, *uḥā'nē*, etc.Present Habitual, I usually rise, etc., *uḥā'nē*, *uḥā'nē*, *uḥā'nē*, etc.Perfect and Pluperfect, formed by adding, respectively, *ā* and *hā* to the Past tense; thus, *uḥā'nē* *ā*, thou hast risen, etc.Past Conditional, had I risen, etc., *uḥā'nē*, etc., inflected like the Past tenseSECOND CONJUGATION—*mā'nē*, to strikeParticiple Present, *mā'nē*, Past *mā'nē*, Future, *mā'nē*

	Past, I struck, etc.		Past habi- tual, I usually struck, etc.	Future, I shall strike, etc.	Subjunctive, I should strike, etc.	
	Active construction	Impersonal construction			Passive construction	Impersonal construction
Step 1	<i>myā</i>	<i>myā</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>myā</i>	<i>myā</i>
2	<i>lē</i>	<i>lē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>lē</i>	<i>lē</i>
3	<i>lē</i> n. <i>lē</i> , etc.	<i>lē</i> n. <i>lē</i> , etc.	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>lē</i> n. <i>lē</i> , etc.	<i>lē</i> n. <i>lē</i> , etc.
Flar 1	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>
2	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>
3	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>mā'nē</i>	<i>āmā</i>	<i>āmā</i>

S is often added in the second person singular of the Past tense: thus, *uḥā'nē* *ā*, thou madest a feastOther forms agree with the first conjugation: Thus *mā'nē*, etc., I strike, *mā'nē*, strikeC—Irregular Verbs—Verbs ending in vowels and in *h* form their present after the first and their future and habitual past after the second conjugation. Thus, *dehā*, I give, *yā*, I shall come; *yā*, he usually came. Those ending in *h* form their past in *lā*; thus, *rāhā*, I have remained. In the verb *hānē*, to become, *hā* is changed to *hā* before *ā*; thus, *hā*, become, *yo*.Some verbs form their Past in *lā*; thus, *nighā*, he woot out, *mānā*, he said. *T* is inserted before *lā* in *ghēnā*, to take, *ghālā*, to put, *dhanā*, to wash, *baghā*, to see, *māgā*, to ask, *sāgā*, to tell; thus, *ghālā*, *ghālā*, *dhanā*, *dhanā*, *baghā*, *baghā*, *māgā*, *māgā*, *sāgā*, *sāgā*. *T* is inserted in *lhanā*, to dig, *mhanā*, to cry, *hānā*, to slay, thus *lhanā*, *lhanā*, *mhanā*, *mhanā*, *hānā*, *hānā*. Roots ending in *i* add *lā*; thus, *pyālā*, drunk (root *pi*) *bhyālā* feared (root *bh*). So also *lēnā*, to wear, Past *lēnā*. *Karā*, to do, forms *kā*; *marā*, to die, *mālā*, *dānā*, to give, *dālā*. Irregular are *hānā*, to become, Past, *hānā*, and *ghālā*; *yānā*, to come, Past, *ālā*; *ghānā*, to go, Past *ghālā*.D—Causal Verbs—Causatives are formed by adding *av* *av*, or, in roots ending in long vowels and *h*, *av* and *av* respectively. Thus, *hānā*, to cause to sit; *ghānā*, to cause to give. In the Dekhan *av* is substituted for *av*, and this is now generally adopted in the Imperative; thus *karā*, let him do. Causatives follow the second conjugation.E—Potential Verbs—Formed as causal verbs, but follow the first conjugation. They always use the passive or the impersonal construction, the subject being put in the Dative or in the Instrumental formed from the Genitive. Thus, *Rāmā* *lā*, or *Rāmā* *chāyā* *nā* *bhākar* *lā*, *Rāma* can eat bread; *ma* *lā* *lānā*, I could go.

MARĀTHĪ IN THE DEKHAN.

The form of Marāṭhī spoken in the Dekhan very closely agrees with the preceding grammatical sketch. It is usually called Dēśī, that is the language of the *Dēś*, the country *par excellence*.

The frontiers within which this form of Marāṭhī is spoken coincide with those given for the whole language towards the north. Towards the west it gradually merges into the Konkani form of the language in the hilly country which separates the Konkani from the Dekhan. It will be shown below that this latter form is largely influenced by Dēśī along the whole frontier line. On the other hand, similar dialects are also spoken in the Dekhan, thus, for instance, by the Kun'bis of Poona. These mixed forms of speech will be dealt with in connection with the Marāṭhī of the Konkani.

Towards the east, Dēśī merges into Varhādī in Buldana, where it occupies the western part of the district. Farther to the south the frontier line coincides with that given above for Marāṭhī. It is not, however, possible to state how many speakers in Hyderabad should be assigned to Dēśī and how many to Varhādī.

The Dekhan form of the language is also spoken in the towns of Bijapur, the chief language of which district is Kanarese, and, to some extent, in Dharwar. In Baroda it is the language of the court, and is spoken by the following numbers in the different districts —

Baroda	35,678
Narsari	10,674
Kadi	3,138
Amreli	2,338
TOTAL	51,828

The revised figures for the districts where it is spoken as a vernacular were reported Number of speakers for this Survey as follows —

Bombay Town and Island	80,000
Thana	32,000
Nasik	520,000
Ahmadnagar	804,000
Poona	939,000
Bhor State	153,000
Sholapur	586,000
Akalkot State	26,000
Satara	1,159,500
Satara Agency (State Aundh)	55,000
" " (State Phaltan)	59,500
Belgaum	265,000
Jat State	43,000
Kolhapur State	710,000
Dharwar	44,000
Dharwar (Kulwadi)	3,000
Southern Marāṭhā Jaghira	265,350
Bijapur	27,680
Baroda	51,828
Buldana	270,000
TOTAL	6,093,858

It is probable that much of this total in reality refers to a form of speech similar to that current in the Konkan. We know this to be the case with the Kun'bis of Poona. The difference between the two dialects is not, however, so important that any serious disadvantage will arise from the whole total being put down as belonging to Dēśi.

The Dēśi form of the language is also to some extent spoken by the educated classes all over the Marāthī territory, and by settlers from the Dekhan throughout India. In most cases no detailed figures are available, and the estimates forwarded from Janjira, Kolaba, and Ratnagiri have therefore been put down as belonging to the Konkan form of Marāthī, though many of the educated classes speak pure Dēśi.

The speakers of Marāthī in those parts of India where it is not a vernacular have been returned as speaking Marāthī, without mention of sub-dialect. The figures will be found in the general introduction to the group. See above p. 2.

Standard Marāthī in the Dekhan form, has, however, been reported from several districts outside the territory where that dialect is spoken as a vernacular. The details, so far as they could be ascertained, are as follows.

In the Bombay Presidency Standard Marāthī has been returned from Kanara and Savanur. The ensuing estimates of the number of speakers have been forwarded by the local authorities,—

Kanara	.	.	.	2,000
Savanur	.	.	.	800
TOTAL				<u>2,800</u>

In Berar, where a slightly different dialect is current in most districts, settlers from the Dekhan have brought the Standard form of the language with them. It has only been returned from Akola and Ellichpur, and the numbers of speakers have been estimated as follows —

Akola	.	.	.	.	5,000
Ellichpur	.	.	.	.	250
TOTAL					<u>5,250</u>

One thousand of the speakers in Akola and all in Ellichpur have been returned as speaking 'Dakhinī Marāthī'. They are stated to be immigrants from the south. The western part of Buldana belongs linguistically to the Dekhan, and the speakers of Marāthī in that district have been included in the total given above on p. 32.

In Central India Marāthī, in the form which this language assumes in the Dekhan, is the court language in the Indore State, and it is also spoken by Dakhinī Brāhman and Marāthās in the Sajapur district of Gwalior and in Bhopal. The revised figures are as follows,—

Indore	.	.	.	77,000
Gwalior	.	.	.	1,000
Bhopal	.	.	.	3,300
TOTAL				<u>81,300</u>

In the Central Provinces the language of Poona and surrounding districts is sometimes called Punēkarī. Almost all the speakers are found to the north of the Satpura plateau, in the Sangor and Nerbada territories. These districts once belonged to the Garha-Mandla dynasty of Gonds, but were finally handed over to the Peshwa in 1781.

and thence for some time formed part of the Marāthā principality of Saugor. Though the Bhonslas of Nagpur afterwards held sway over the country from 1791 till it was annexed by the British in 1818, the Marāthī of those districts is still the Dekhan form of the language. The number of speakers has been returned for the use of this survey as follows —

Hoshangabad and Makrai	5,500
Narsinghpur	600
Jubbulpore	2,250
Damoh	1,500
Chanda	25
TOTAL	9,875

By summing up the figures given in the preceding pages we arrive at the following total for the Dekhan form of Marāthī

A Spoken as a vernacular	6,093,858
B Spoken abroad—	
Bombay Presidency	2,800
Berar	5,250
Central India	81,300
Central Provinces	9,875
	99,225
TOTAL	6,193,083

POONA

The specimens received from Poona very closely agree with the grammatical sketch on pp. 30 and 31. Marāthī is spoken all over the district, without great dialectical differences, by the bulk of the population. The two specimens which follow have very few peculiarities. The form *mī* is used in addition to *myā* as the case of the agent of the personal pronoun of the first person, thus, *mī pāp kēlē āhē*, by-me sin done is. Transitive verbs add *s* in the second person singular of the past tense, thus, *tvā*, or *tū*, *karādū hī dūlē-nāhīs*, by-thee a-kid even was-not-given-by-thee, *mōṭhī jēv'nāvaḷ kēlis*, a-great feast was-made-by-thee, thou gavest a great feast.

There are no instances of the use of the first person neuter and the third person feminine singular of the present tense. These forms end in *tē*, *tē* respectively, in Standard Marāthī. Thus, *yētē*, I (neuter) come, *yētē*, she comes. The usual forms in the Dekhan are *yētō*, I (neuter) come, *yētī*, she comes.

In all other respects the specimens well represent the language of Marāthī literature. A list of Standard Words and Phrases will be found below on pp 395 and ff.

[No 1]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

(DISTRICT POONA)

SPECIMEN I

कोणे एका मनुष्यास दोन पुत्र होते । त्यांतील धाकटा बापाला म्हणाला, वावा, जो मालमत्तेचा वांटा मला यावयाचा तो दे । मग त्यानें त्यांस संपत्ति वांटून दिली । मग धोडक्या दिवसांनीं धाकटा पुत्र सर्व जमा करून दूर देशांत गेला । आणि तेथें उधळेपणाने वागून आपली संपत्ति उडविली । मग त्यानें सर्व खर्चिल्या-वर त्या देशांत मोठा दुष्काळ पडला । त्या-मुळे त्याला अडचण पडू लागली । तेव्हां तो त्या देशांतील एका गृहस्था-जवळ जाऊन राहिला । त्यानें तर त्याला डुकरें चारावयास आपल्या शेतांत पाठविले । तेव्हां डुकरें जीं ठरफले खात असत त्यां-वर आपले पोट भरावे असें त्याला वाटले । आणि कोणी त्याला कांहीं दिलें नाहीं । नंतर तो शुद्धी-वर येऊन म्हणाला, माझ्या बापाच्या किती चाकरांस भरपूर भाखर आहे । आणि मी भुकेनें मरतो । मी उठून आपल्या बापा-कडे जाईन व त्याला म्हणेन, वावा, मी आकाशाच्या-विरुद्ध व तुझ्या-समोर पाप केले आहे आणि आतां पुढे तुम्हा पुत्र म्हणावयास मी योग्य नाहीं । आपल्या एका चाकरा-प्रमाणे मला ठेव । नंतर तो उठून आपल्या बापा-कडे गेला । तेव्हां तो दूर आहे इतक्यांत त्याचा बाप त्याला पाहून क्रकवळला, आणि त्यानें धाऊन त्याच्या गळ्यास मिठी मारली, व त्याचे चुवन घेतले । मग पुत्र त्याला म्हणाला, वावा आकाशाच्या-विरुद्ध व तुझ्या-समोर मी पाप केले आहे । आणि आतां पुढे तुम्हा पुत्र म्हणावयास मी योग्य नाहीं । परंतु बापाने आपल्या चाकरांस सांगितले, उत्तम भगा आणून त्याचे आंगा-वर घाला । आणि त्याच्या हातांत अंगठी व पायांत जोडा घाला । मग आपण जेजु आणि आनंद करू । कां कीं हा माझा पुत्र मेला होता, तो फिरून जिवंत झाला, व हारवला होता, तो सांपडला आहे । तेव्हां ते आनंद करू लागले ॥

त्या-वेळेस त्याचा वडील पुत्र शेतांत होता । मग तो घरा-जवळ येऊन पोहोचल्या-वर त्यानें वाद्य व नाच ऐकिले । तेव्हां चाकरांतील एकास

बोलावून त्यानं विचारिलें, हें काय आहे। त्यानें त्याला सांगितलें कीं, तुम्हा भाऊ आला आहे, आणि तो तुम्हा बापाला मुखरूप मिळाला म्हणून त्यानें मोठी जेवणावळ केली आहे। तेव्हां तो रागावला आणि आंत जाई-ना। म्हणून त्याचा बाप बाहेर येऊन त्यास समभावं लागला। परंतु त्यानें बापाला उत्तर दिलें कीं, पद्दा, मी इतकीं वर्षे तुम्ही चाकरी करतों आणि तुम्ही आज्ञा मी कधीं-ही मोडली नाहीं। तरी म्यां आपल्या मित्रा-बरोबर चैन करावी म्हणून त्वां मला कधीं करडू हि दिलें नाहींस। आणि ज्यानें तुम्ही सपत्ती कजविणी-बरोबर उध्वस्य केली तो तुम्हा पुत्र जेव्हां आला तेव्हां त्यासाठीं मोठी जेवणावळ केलीस। तेव्हां तो त्यास म्हणाला, मुला, तूं नेहमी माझ्या-बरोबर आहेस आणि माझी सर्व मालमत्ता तुम्हीच आहे। परंतु हर्ष व आनंद होणे योग्य आहे, कारण कीं तुम्हा भाऊ मेला होता तो फिरून जिवंत झाला, व हरवला होता तो सांपडला ॥

[No. I.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

(DISTRICT POONA)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōnī cī mānushyas don putra hōtī. Tyātil dhāk'ā
 Certain one to man two sons were Them-in-from the-younger
 tīp-lī mhanālī, 'bāhā, dzo māl'mattē-tsā vīā mā-lā yāvayā-tsā
 the-father to said, 'father, what the-property of share me-to is-to-come
 to dī' Mag tyā-nē tyās sampattī vātūn dīlī
 the-gave' Then him-by to-them wealth having-divided was-given.
 Mag thot'vā dīc'ī-nī dhak'ī putra sarv dīzāmā karūn
 The a-few days-after the-younger son the whole together having-made
 dūr dē'it gēhī, mī tēth' udh'ī-prānī-nē vāgūn āp'ī
 far to-country went, and there spendthriftness-with having-behaved his-own
 sampattī udavīhī. Mag tyā-nē sarv kharchukhā-var tyā
 wealth was squandered Then him-by all being-spent-after that
 dē'it mōhī dushk'ī pad'ī. Tyā-mulē tyā-lā ad'īsan
 in-country great famine fell. That-on-account-of him-to difficulty
 pad'ī lēghī, tēhī tō tyā dē'it cī grahasthā-dzavā
 to-fall began, then he that country-in-from one householder-near
 dīzūn rīhīlī Tyā-nē tar tyā-lī duk'rē tsīrāvā is āp'vā tētāt
 having-gone lived. Him-by then him some to feed his-own into-field
 pathavīlē Tēhī duk'rē jī tarphālē khāt-asat tēhī-var āp'lē
 it-was sent Then some which husks used-to-eat that-upon his-own
 pāt bhārīvē aē tyā-lā vāt'lē, ānī kōnī tyā-lā
 belly should-be-filled so him-to it-appeared, and anyone-(by) him-to
 l'īhī dīlē nāhī. Nantār tō suddhī-var vātūn mhanālā,
 anything was-given not Then he scuses-to having-come said,
 'mīghyā hīpī-chyā kīfī tsīkrās bhār-pur bhīkar āhē, ānī mī
 'my father-of hear-many to-servants sufficient bread is, and I
 bhul c-nē mar'tō Mī utbūn āp'vā bāpā-kadē dzāin va
 hunger-with die I having-arisen my-own father-to will-go and
 tyā-lā mhanēn, "bābā, mī ākūā-chyā-viruddh va tujhyā-samōr pāp
 him-to will-say, "father, me (by) heaven-of-against and of-thee-before sin

kēlē āhē, ānī ātā-pudhē tudzhā putra mhanāv'yās
 done is, and henceforth thy son to-cause-(myself-)to-be-called
 mī yōgya nāhī Āp'lyā ekā tsāk'rā-pramānē ma-lā thēv'' Nantar
 I fit am-not Thy-own one servant-like me keep.'' Then
 tō uthūn āp'lyā bāpā-kadē gēlā Tēvhā tō dūr āhē it'kyāt
 he having-arisen his-own father-to went Then he far is just-then
 tyā-tsā bāp tyā-lā pāhūn kal'va'lā, ānī tyā-nē dhāun
 his father him having-seen tried, and him-by having-run
 tyā-chyā galyās mithī mār'li, va tyā-chē chumban ghēt'lē
 his on-the-neck embracing was-struck, and him-of kiss was-taken
 Mag putra tyā-lā mhanāla, 'bābā, ākāśā-chyā-viruddh va tujhyā-samōr
 Then the-son him-to said, 'father, heaven-of-against and of-thee-before
 mī pāp kēlē āhē Anī ātā-pudhē tudzhā putra mhanāv'yās
 me-(by) sin done is And henceforth thy son to-be-called
 mī yōgya nāhī' Parantu bāpā-nē āp'lyā, tsāk'rās sāngit'lē,
 I fit am-not' But the-father-by his-own to-servants it-was-told,
 'uttam dzhagā ānūn tyā-chē āngā-var ghālā Anī tyā-chyā
 'the-best robe having-brought his the-body-on put And his
 hātāt ang'thi va pāyāt dzōdā ghālā Mag āpan jēū
 on-the-hand a-ring and on-the-foot shoes you-put Then we shall-eat
 ānī ānand karū, kā-kī, hā mādzhā putra mēlā hōtā, tō
 and happiness shall-make, because, this my son dead was, he
 phurūn jivant dzhālā, va hārav'lā hōtā, tō sāpad'lā āhē' Tēvhā tē
 again alive became, and lost was, he found is' Then they
 ānand karū lāg'lē
 joy to-make began

Tā-vēlēs tyā-tsā vadil putra śētāt hōtā Mag tō gharā-dzaval
 At-that-time his elder son in-field was Then he house-near
 vūn pōhōts'lyā-var tyā-nē vādy va nāts nīklē Tēvhā
 having-come arriving-after him-by music and dancing was-heard Then
 tsāk'rātīl ekās bōlāvūn tyā-nē vichār'lē, 'hē kāy āhē?'
 servants-in-from to-one having-called him-by it-was-asked, 'this what is?'
 Tā-nē tyā-lā sāngit'lē kī, 'tudzhā bhāū ālā āhē, ānī tō
 Him-by him-to it-was-said that, 'thy brother come is, and he
 tujhyā bāpā-lā sukh'rūp mīlālā mhanūn tyā-nē mōthī jēv'nāval kēli
 thy father-to safe was-got therefore him-by great feast made
 āhē' Tēvhā tō rāgāvlā ānī āt dzāi-nā Mhanūn tyā-tsā
 is' Then he got-angry and inside would-not-go Therefore his
 bāp bāhīr yēūn tyās sam'dzhāvū lāg'lā Parantu tyā-nē bāpā-lā
 father out having-come him to-persuade began But him-by father-to
 uttar dīlē kī, 'pahā, mī it'kī varshē tujhī tsāk'rī kartō,
 reply was-given that, 'see, I so-many years thy service am-doing,

āni tujhī ādnyī mī kadhī-hī mōdī-hī nāhī Tari myā āp'lyā
and thy order (by)-me ever even was-broken not Yet by-me my-own
 mitrī-barōbar chun karāi rahanūn tvā ma-lā kadhī
friends-with sentiment should-be-made saying by-thee me-to ever
 karāi hī dilī nāhīs Āni jñā-nī tujhī sampatī
gave even given-was not-by-thee. And whom-by thy property
 kadī-bhī-barōbar udhastī kēlī tō tūḍhā putra jōvhi ālā
harlots with squandered was-made ' that thy son when came
 tūhī tvāsī(hī) mō(hī) jōv'nīva) kēlis' Tērhi tō tyās
then his-sake-for great feast was made-by-thee' Then he to-him
 rahanī, 'mī, tū nīhī mī mājhā-barōbar āhīs, āni mājhī sarv
and, 'son, thou always me-with art, and my all
 mī'matī tujhī-is ih Parantu harsh va ānand hōnī jōgya āhē
property there-alone is But delight and joy to-be proper is
 Karan-kī, tūḍhī bhīū mēla hōtī, tō phurūn jivanī dīhālā, va
Because, thy brother dead was, he again alive became, and
 haranī hōtī, to sīpādīā'
he' was, he was-found'

[No 2]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

(DISTRICT POONA)

SPECIMEN II.

नारायण-रावांनीं आपल्या-कडून पुष्कळ सागून पाहिलें। पण गोविंदाचें मन वळेना। त्याचें मनांत डाक्करीचा धदा शिकावा असेंच भरलें होतें। आणि डाक्करीचा धदा शिकण्याचें त्या दिवसांत तसें फारसें साधन नव्हतें। एकुलता एक मुलगा थोडेसें अधिक इंग्रजी शिकून तयार झाला म्हणजे कोठेंतरी चिकटून द्यावा। नौकर्या त्या दिवसांत सहज लागत आणि नौकरी लागली म्हणजे वढती ही लवकर होई। पण गोविंदाचा नाद एक, आतां अधिक इंग्रजी न शिकतां आपल्या शेजारींच असणाऱ्या डाक्करा-जवळ राहून डाक्करी धदा शिकून लवकर डाक्करी करूं लागावें। नारायण-रावांनीं तसें-ही सांगितलें कीं, तू आणखी इंग्रजी शिक म्हणजे नवीन उघडलेल्या डाक्करी-कालेजात तुला घालतो। पण नाही। शेवटी मुलाचा नाद पुरवावा असें मनांत आणून त्यांनीं डाक्कर दामोदर-रावांस आपल्या मुलाचा हेतु कळवून त्यास जवळ करावा अशी विनंती केली। आणि त्यांनीं-ही, मी त्याला शिकवून तयार करतो, पण तयार झाल्या-नंतर त्यानें या गावांत डाक्करी-धंदा करूं नये। अशा अटी-वर त्यास आपल्या हाता-खालीं विद्यार्थी म्हणून घेण्याचें कबूल केलें ॥

[No 2]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

(DISTRICT POONA.)

SPECIMEN II

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Nārāyan-rāvā-nī	āp'lvā-kadūn	pushkal	sāngūn	pāhūlē.	Pan
Narayan-Rao by	himself-by	much	having-told	it-was-seen	But
Gōvindā-chē	man	īalē-nā	Tyā-chē	manāt	dākt'ri-tsā-dhandā
Govind-of	mind	could-not-move	His	in-mind	the-medical-profession
śikhāvā	asē-ts	bhar'lē	hōtē	Ānī	dākt'ri-tsā-dhandā
should-be-learned	so-only	entered	was	And	the-medical-profession
śik'nyā-chē	tvā	div'sāt	tasē	phār'sē	sādhān navh'tē
learning-of	those	in-days	so	considerable	means was-not
mul'gā,	thōdē-sē	adluk	ingrajī	śikūn	tayār dzhālā,
son,	a-little	more	English	having-learned	educated (if-)became,
kōthē-tari	chik'tūn	dyāvā	Nauk'ryā	tyā	div'sāt
somewhere	having-employed	should-be-given	Employments	those	in-days
sahadz	lāgat,	ānī	nauk'ri	lāg'li,	mhan'jē
easily	used-to-be-got,	and	employment	(when-)was-got,	then
lav'kar	hōi	Pan	Gōvindā-tsā	nād	ēh
rapid	used-to-be	But	Govind-of	hobby	(was-)one
na	śik'tā	āp'lyā	śēdzārī-ts	as'nāryā	dākt'rā-dzavā
not	learning	his-own	in-the-neighbourhood-just	being	the-doctor-near
rāhūn	dākt'ri	dhandā	śikūn	lav'kar	dākt'ri
having-lived	the-medical	profession	having-learned	soon	medical-practice
karū	lāgāvē	Nārīyan-rāvā-nī	tasē	hī	sāngit'lē
to-make	should-be-begun	Narayan-Rao-by	that	also	was-said
ān'khī	ingrajī	śik,	mhan'jē	navin	ughad'lēlyā
still-more	English	learn,	then	newly	opened
tu-lā	ghāl'tō'	Pan	nāhī	Śēv'ti,	'mulā-tsā
thee	I-will-put'	But	no	At-last,	'the-son-of
asē	manāt	ānūn	tyā-nī	dāktar	Dāmōdar-rāvās
so	in-the-mind	having-brought	him-by	doctor	to-Damodar-Rao

mulā-tsā hētu kaṭi ūn tās dṛavaḥ karāvā aṭi
son-of intention having-informed to-him near he should-be made such
 vinantī kṛti, āni tās-nī-hi, 'mī tyā-lā śikṣun tayār
request was-made; and him-by-also, 'I him having-taught prepared
 kar'tō Pan tayār dṛhālyā-nantar tās-nī yā gūvāt dakt'ri-
make But prepared becoming-after him-by this in-town the medical-
 dhandā karū navē ' Aṭā aṭi-var tyās āp'lyā hātā-
profession to-make it-is-not-proper' Such condition on him his own hand-
 khālī vadyārthī mhanūn ghōṣā-chī kabul keli
under an-apprentice as taking-of promise was made

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

Narayan Rao tried his best with many representations, but Govinda would not be moved. His mind was only set on learning the medical profession. And in those days there were not sufficient means for studying that science.

He (Narayan Rao) intended to get his only son employed somewhere when he had become educated after learning a little more English. In those days employment was easily got, and when once employed promotion was rapid. But Govinda had only one thing in his head. He intended, without learning any more English, to become an apprentice under a doctor in the neighbourhood and soon to be a medical practitioner himself. Narayan Rao even told him to learn a little more English and he promised him that he would then send him to the newly opened medical college, but in vain. At last having determined to satisfy his son he informed Doctor Damodar Rao of the boy's object and requested him to take him under his care. The doctor promised to do so, and to teach him on condition that when he became able to practise himself, he should not carry on the business in that village.

ELSEWHERE IN THE DEKHAN

To the north and west of Poona Marāṭhī is spoken as a vernacular by most of the Dekhan Hindus and Musalman Tambūlis in Bombay Town and Island, and further in Thana, Nasik, and Ahmadnagar.

Bombay Town and Island is a meeting-place for all the different Marāṭhī sub-dialects. The real home language is the Marāṭhī dialect of the Central and Northern Konkan. The usual Dekhan form of the language is, however, spoken by about 80,000 people. It has no peculiarities of its own, and need not be illustrated by separate specimens.

The principal language of Thana is the dialect of Marāṭhī which, with slight local variations, is spoken from Daman to Rajapur. It will be dealt with below, under the head of Konkan Standard. The usual Dekhan form of Marāṭhī is spoken by Brahmans and other high castes. The number of speakers has been estimated at 32,000.

The principal language of Nasik is Marāthī, shading off into Khāndēśī in the north. This latter language is spoken in the north, on the Khandesh border, where we also find a Bhil dialect. It has hitherto been classed as a dialect of Marāthī. The materials collected for the Linguistic Survey, however, show that it is rather a dialect of Gujarāṭī, and it will therefore be dealt with in connection with that language. See Vol. ix, Part II.

No specimens have been received of the Marāthī dialect of Nasik. It is, however, almost certain that it does not materially differ from the form which that language assumes in the neighbouring Ahmadnagar. Specimens have been forwarded of two border dialects, spoken in the west of the district. They are the so-called Kōṅkanī, which is entirely different from Kōṅkanī proper, in the north, and Thāk'ri in the south. The former is a Bhil dialect, and the latter will be dealt with in connection with the Marāthī spoken in the Central and Northern Konkan. See below pp 109 and ff. It is very probable that the current Marāthī of Nasik, especially in the west, has some of the same characteristics. Above the hills, however, the difference between the two forms of speech is so unimportant that no inconvenience can possibly arise from the Nasik dialect being classed under the standard form of Marāthī current in the Dekhan.

To the south of Nasik lies the district of Ahmadnagar, the principal language of which is Marāthī. It is the usual Dekhan form of that language, and it is not necessary to illustrate it further.

Marāthī is further spoken all over the Bhōr State as the principal language. It is the usual Dekhan form and need not be illustrated by means of a separate specimen. We may only note that *t* is often added to the second person plural of the past tense of intransitive verbs. Thus, *tumhī gēlāt*, you went.

In Sholapur the same form of Marāthī is the principal language in the north and the west.

Marāthī is also the principal language of the northern part of the Akalkot State and of Pilo and Kurla of the same State. The language of the rest of the State is Kanarese. No specimens have been received, but there is no reason for assuming that the Marāthī of Akalkot differs in any important points from that spoken in Sholapur.

The principal language of the Satara District, as also of the States Phaltan and Audh in the Satara Agency is Marāthī with the usual characteristics of the Dekhan. Of the 59,500 speakers in the Phaltan State about 56,000 are stated to be Kuṇ'bis. Their dialect does not, however, differ from that of the rest of the population.

The principal language of Belgaum is Kanarese. In the west of the district the bulk of the population speak Standard Marāthī. The figures returned for the different Talukas are as follows —

Gokak	4,000
Athni	40,000
Chikodi	85,000
Belgaum	82,582
Parasgad	1,000
Khanapur	18,381
Sampgaon	500
TOTAL	264,463, or, in round numbers, 265,000

The dialect of Belgaum closely agrees with that of Satara. The dental and lingual *n* are confounded. Thus, we find *tyā-nē* and *tyā-nē*, by him. The numeral 'one' is written *yēl*, a state of affairs which is common in many parts of the territory in which Marāthī is a vernacular. The conjunctive participle is sometimes slightly irregular. Thus, *nghōn*, having gone out, *yēvun*, having come. The verb *hōnē*, to become, forms the past tense *dzāh'lā*, where Standard has *dzhālā*. Such discrepancies are, however, not sufficiently important to make it necessary to give any specimen of the dialect.

In Jat and Daphlapur, Marāthī is spoken on the north-western border and in a small district half-way between Jat and Karajgi, about Asungi and Jyāl. The dialect closely agrees with that of Satara.

Marāthī is also the main language of Kolhapur. The dialect shows all the characteristics of the form of Marāthī spoken in Satara. The tendency to pronounce the short *a* fully seems here to have been carried to an extreme. In other respects the dialect does not differ from that current in neighbouring districts. The only peculiarity is that a *ta* is added in the second person plural of the past tense. Thus, *ma-lā lōkai ū suddhā dālē-nāhita*, to-me a-kid even has-not-been-given-by-you, *ēka mēd-avānī tumhī dēt āhata*, you have given a feast.

In the Southern Jaghur States Marāthī is spoken in the North and East. Specimens have been received from Miraj, Sangli, and Kurundwad. They all exhibit the same form of the language as that current in Satara and neighbouring districts. The second person singular of the past tense of transitive verbs only occasionally adds *s*. The only other peculiarity which needs be mentioned is the preference shown for the word *avaghā*, all.

Closely related is also the dialect exhibited in the specimens received from Ramdrug.

As in the neighbouring Belgaum dialect the past tense of the verb *hōnē*, to become, is *dzāh'lā* and not *dzhālā*.

As will have appeared from the preceding remarks Marāthī is remarkably uniform all over the Dekhan. In order to illustrate the widespread tendency to pronounce the short *a* fully it will be sufficient to give the first lines of a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which has been received from Kolhapur. The tendency has here been carried to the extreme.

[No 3]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

(STATE KOLHAPUR)

Kōnā ēkā manushyāsa dōna mulagē hōtō Tyāntila dhākaṭā āpalyā bāpāsa mhanālā,
 ‘bābā mālamattē-tsā dzō bhāga ma-lā yāvayā-tsā tō ma-lā dē’ Maga tyā-nē āpali jinagī
 tyā-nā vātūna dili Pudhē phār divasa lōtalē nāhita tō-tsā dhākaṭyā-nē tī sarva dgamā-
 karūna ēkā dūra-ohyā dēśā-ohyā mārga dhārīlā, āmī tēthē udhaḷēpanā-nē vāgūna āpalā
 aivadza gamāvīlā

Standard Marāthī, in the usual Dekhan form, is also spoken to a great extent in Janjira, Kolaba, and Ratnagiri, and it has influenced the speech of the educated classes all over the Konkan. No estimates are, however, available with regard to the proportion of the population in those districts which speak the Dekhan form of the language, and the reported figures have, therefore, been put down as all belonging to the slightly different form which Marāthī assumes in the Central Konkan.

Marāthī is also the principal language in the north-western portion of the Nizam's territory, which does not fall within the scope of the present Survey.

The Marāthī spoken in Berar and the Central Provinces differs in some respects from the form which the language has in the Dekhan, and it will, therefore, be separately dealt with below. The usual Dekhan form is, however, also spoken by a considerable portion of the population in Buldana.

The District of Buldana is the meeting ground between the two forms of Marāthī current in the Dekhan and in Berar respectively. The west of the district belongs to the former, and the east to the latter.

The first few lines of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follow will show that the current dialect of Western Buldana in no important points differs from the usual Dekhan Standard. We may only note the frequent use of *va* instead of *āre*, and. A list of Standard Words and Phrases which has not been reproduced gives the forms *āmu chē*, our, *āmhi āhōnt*, we are, *tumhi āhānt*, you are. These do not occur in the specimen.

[No 4]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

(DISTRICT BULDANA)

कोणा एका माणसास दोन मुलगे होते । त्या-पैकीं धाकटा बापास
 म्हणाला, बावा माझ्या हिजाची जिनगी मला द्या । म्हणून बापानें आपली
 जिनगी दोघां-मध्ये वांटून दिली । थोड्याच दिवसांनीं धाकटा मुलगा आपली
 सर्व जिनगी घेऊन देगांतरास गेला, व तेथें त्यानें चैनवाजी-मध्ये आपली
 सर्व जिनगी उडविली । त्याचा सर्व पैसा ह्या रितीनें खर्च झाल्या-वर त्या
 देगांत एक मोठा दुष्काळ पडला । व त्या-मुळे त्यास फार ददात पडूं लागली ।
 नंतर तो एका गृहस्थ्या-कडे जाऊन राहिला । त्या गृहस्थ्यानें ह्याला आपले शेतांत
 डुकरें राखण्यास ठेविलें ।

Konā ēkī mān'sis dōn mul'gē hōtē t̥vā-paikī dhāk'tā
 Certain a to-man two sons were Them-from-among the-younger
 bapās mhanāla, 'hībā, mīghrā hās-chī jun'gī ma-lī dā'
 to-the-father said, 'father, of-me share-of property me-to give'
 Mhanun hāpī-nē ip'li jun'gī dōghī-madhyē rātūn
 Therefore the father-by his-own property both-among having-divided
 dila Thōvāt-s dīv'sī-nī dhāk'tā mul'gī āp'li sarv
 gave A-fer-only dā's after the-younger son his-own all
 jun'gī ghūn dē-ītrīs gēlā, vā tēthē t̥vā-nē
 property having-taken to another-country went, and there him-by
 chūn baji madhyē ip'li sarv jun'gī udāvali T̥vā-t̥sā sarv
 there-into his-own all property was-squandered Him-of all
 p'v hā riti-nē kharis dzhāl'vī-var tyā dēśāt ēk
 there this manner-by spent having-become-after that into-country one
 t̥vā chūkal pad'li, vā tyā-mulē tyas phir dādāt pad'li lig'li
 really far fall, and that-for to-him great difficulty to-fall began
 t̥vā t̥vā grīr'vāh-kādē d̥vāun rīhūli T̥vā grīr'asthā-nē hyā-lā
 Then he to the holder-to having-gone lived That householder-by him-to
 ap' t̥vā dukarē rakh'nyas thēvalē
 there to the to keep it-was-by'

The dialect of Basim was originally reported to be the Dekhan form of Marāṭhī. An inspection of the specimens forwarded from that district has however shown that they share most of the features characteristic of the Marāṭhī spoken in Berar and the Central Provinces, and they have, accordingly, been transferred to that dialect. It is, on the other hand, probable that some of the educated classes speak the Standard language of the Marāṭhī literature, as is the case in all Marāṭhī speaking districts

BROKEN DIALECTS OF THE DEKHAN.

Marāṭhī is remarkably uniform throughout the Dekhan. In the south-west we find colonies of Kōṅkanī in Belgaum, and, in the Ghats, dialects are spoken which are intermediate between the forms of Marāṭhī current in the Dekhan and in the Northern and Central Konkan. These will be dealt with below in connexion with the language of Thana and the Konkan.

In the south and east Marāṭhī borders on Kanarese, and in Bijapur and Dharwar we meet with dialects which have, to a small extent, been influenced by that language. This influence is, however, not very important. The chief result which it has effected is a weakening of the sense of gender, and a confusion between the active and passive constructions of transitive verbs.

The number of Marāṭhī speakers in Bijapur has been estimated at 27,680. Most of these speak ordinary Marāṭhī. A corrupt form is, however, spoken among the rustics, and will be illustrated by means of a specimen.

This dialect mainly agrees with the Standard Marāṭhī of the Dekhan. In some points, however, it has features similar to the Marāṭhī dialects of the Konkan.

Thus we find *a* for Standard *ē*, *u* for *u*, dropping of aspirates, dropping of *v* before *i*, *ī*, and *ē*, insertion of *v* before other vowels, and so on. Compare *tata* for *tēthē*, there, *luni* for *kōnī*, some one, *nāi* for *nāhī*, not, *vrudd* for *vruddh*, against, *yīs* for *vīs*, twenty, *yēl* for *vēl*, time. Compare also forms such as *lyōkān*, by the son, *tyās-mi*, to him, *hai*, he is, and so on.

It has already been remarked that the genders are liable to be confounded, and that the different constructions of the verbs are not correctly distinguished. Thus, we find *samda* and *samdi jindagi*, all property, *tyā chyā mulās mī lai phat'kē mār'lō āhē*, I have beaten his son with many stripes.

All these points are, however, relatively unimportant, and there will be no difficulty in understanding the version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

[No 5]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

BIJAPUR DIALECT

(DISTRICT BIJAPUR)

कुनि थोक मानसाला दोन ल्योक होते । त्यातला ल्हानगा बापास म्हंठला, बाबा, माजे वाटनीचा माल मला दे । मग त्येन वाटनी करून दिलि । मग थोडक्या दिवसानि दाकटा ल्योक समदि माल गोळा करून गेवून-श्यानि दूर मुलकास गेला । तत उदकेपन करून समदि जिंदगी हाळ केला । मग समदि जिंदगी हाळ केल्या-वर मोठा दुकूळ पडला । त्या-मुळ त्यासनि अडचन होवू लागली । तवा तकडच थोक मानसा-जवळ चाकरी राहिला । त्येन त्यासनि डुकर राकायला आपले सेताला लावून दिला । तवा डुकरानी खानेच पेंड खावून-श्यानि आपल पोटा भराव म्हंठला । तरी त्याला कुनी कार्डच दिले नाई । मग त्यो सुद्दी-वर येवून-श्यानि म्हंठला, माज बापाच किति चाकरासनि पोटाभर खायाला है । आनि म्या भुकीन उपासि मरतो । मी उटून बापा-कड जाईन, आनि तेला म्हनू की, बाबा रे, म्या आकासचा द्रुह आनि तुज्या म्होर पाप केला है । अता-पासून म्या तुज ल्योक म्हनन्याला लायक न्हव । आपले चाकरीचे गद्या-वानि मला ठेव । मग त्यो उटून आपल बापा-कडेस गेला । त्यो अजून दूर हैस्तवर बाप त्येला पाहून कळकळून धावून-श्यानि त्येचे गळ्यास मिटि घाटलि, आनि त्येचा मुका घेठला । मग ल्योकान त्यासनि म्हंठल बाबा, परलोकाचे द्रुह आनि तुज्या म्होर म्या पाप केल्या । अता-पासून तुजा ल्योक म्हनन्यास म्या लायक नाई । मग बापानी चाकरास सांगिटला, चागल अगराका आनून त्यासनि घाला । त्येचे हाता-मदि आंगटि आनीक त्येचा पायात जोडा घाला । खावून-श्यानि आनन्द करू । का म्हंठल तर, ह्यो ल्योक मेल्याला फिरून वाचला है । गमावून गेल्याला मिळाला है । तवा ते कुशाल जाले ॥

तवा त्येचा थोरला ल्योक सेतात होता । त्यो घरा-पासी आल्या-वर त्येन गाना वजाना ऐकल । तवा गद्यातला थोक गडीस बोलावून द्रुचारला, हे काय है । त्येन त्यासनि सांगिटले की, तुजा भाउ आला है । आनि त्यो तुजा बापास कुशाल मिळाला म्हनून-साटि मोटा जीवन केला है । तवा त्यो रागाला येवून आत जाईना । येच्या-करता बाप भादूर येजन-श्यानि त्यासनि समजावू

लागला । मग त्येन बापाला फिरून वोलला की, बग, इतक वरीस तुजी चाकरि करतो, तुजी गोष्ट म्या कवाच मोडली नाई । तरी म्या माजे सोबती-बराबर चैन करन्यास तु मला कवाच शेळीचि पिछू वि दिला नाई । आनि तुज जिन्दगी कसबिनीचे-बराबर समदि हाळ केल्याला हा तुजा ल्योक आला है, म्हनून त्येच-साटि मोट जेवन केल हैस । तवा त्येन त्यास म्हंटला की, लेका, तु हमेषा माजे संगाट है । माज समद जिन्दगी तुजीच है । पन क्वालि कुशालि कराव छो रास्त है । का म्हंटला तर छो तुजा भाड मेला होता ल्यो फिरून जिवंत जाला है; आनि गमावला होता ल्यो मिळाला है ॥

[No. 5.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

BIJAPUR DIALECT

(DISTRICT BIJAPUR)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kunī yōk mām'sālā dōn lyōk hōtē. Tyāt'lā lhan'gā
Certain one man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger
 bāpās mhan't'lā, 'bābā, mādzē vāt'ni-tsā māl ma-lā dē' Mag
to-the-father said, 'father, of-me shore-of property me-to give' Then
 tyēn vāt'ni karūn dūh Mag thōd'k'vā dī'sā-nī dāk'tā
him-by share having-made was-given Then a-few in-days the-younger
 lyōk sam'dī māl gōlā karūn gērūn-śyānī dūr mul'hās
son all property together having-made having-taken far to-a-country
 gēlā. Tata ud'lēpan karūn sam'dī jund'gī hāl kēlā Mag
went There spendthriftness having-made all property ruin made Then
 sam'dī jund'gī hāl kēlyā-var mōtā dukūl pad'lā. Tyā-mul tyās-nī
all property ruin made-after great famine fell Therefore to-him
 ad'chan hōvū lāg'li Tavā tak'da-ts yōk mām'sā-dzaval tsāk'rī
difficulty to-become began Then there one man-near in-service
 rāhulā Tyēn tyās-nī dukar rākāy'lā āp'lē sētā-lā lāvūn
lived Him-by to-him swine to-keep his-own to-the-field having-employed
 dūlā Tavā duk'rā-nī khānē-tsa pēnd khāvūn-śyānī āp'la pōt
it-was-given Then the-swine-by eating-of husk having-eaten his-own belly
 bharāva mhan't'lā Tarī tvā-lā kunī kāi-ts dūlē
should-be-filled he-thought Yet him-to by-anybody anything was-given
 nāi Mag tyō suddi-var yērūn-śyānī mhan't'lā, 'mādzā bāpā-tsa kiti
not Then he senses-on having-come said, 'my father-of how-many
 tsāk'rās-nī pōt-bhar khāvalā hai. Ānī mvā bhukēn upāsī mar'tō
to-servants belly-full to-eat (there) is And I hunger-with fasting die
 Mī utūn bāpā-kada dzāin, ānī tē-lā mhanū ki, "bābā-rē,
I having-risen father-to will-go, and him-to will-say that, "father-O,
 myā ākās-tsā-rudd ānī tujyā mhōr pāp kēlā hai Atā-pīsūn
by-me the-heaven-of-against and of-thee before sin done is Now-from
 myā tudza lyōk mhan'nyā-lā lāyak nhava Āp'lē tsāk'rī-tsē gadvā-rānī
I thy son to-be-called fit am-not Thy-own service-of servant-like
 ma-lā thēr'' Mag tyō utūn āp'la bāpā-kadēs gēlā Tyō ādzūnī
me-to keep'' Then he having-risen his-own father-to went He yet

dūr hai-stavar bāp tyē-lā pāhūn ka|ka|lūn
far is-meanwhile the-father him-to having-seen having-taken-pity
 dhāvūn-śyāni tyē-tsē galyās mīti ghāt'l, āni tyē-tsā mukā
having-run him-of to-the-neck embracing was-put, and him-of a-kiss
 ghōt'lā Mag lyōkān tyās-m mhan't'lā, 'bābā, par'lōkā-tsē-irudd
was-taken Then the-son-by to-him was-said, 'father, the-next-world-of-against
 āni tujyā mhor myā pāp kelyā Atā-pāsūn tudzā lyōk mhan'nyās
and of-thee before by-me sin is-done Now-from thy son to-be-called
 myā lāyak nāi ' Mag bāpā-nī tsāk'rās sāngi'lā, 'tsāng'lā
I fit am-not' Then the-father-by to-servants it-was-told, 'good
 ang'rākā ānūn tyās-m ghālā Tyē-tsē hātā-mandi āng'ti, ānik
a-coat having-brought to-him put His hand-on a-ring, and
 tyē-chā pāyāt dzōdā ghālā Khāvūn-śyāni ānand karū Kā
his on-the-feet a-shoe put Having-eaten joy we-shall-make Why
 mhan't'lā, tar, hyō lyōk mēlyālā, phurūn vātē'lā hai, gamāvūn
(if-)it-is-said, then, this son had-been-dead, again recovered is, having-lost
 gēlyālā, mīlālā hai, ' Tāvā tā kuśāl dzālē
he-had-gone, got he-is' Then they joyous became

Tāvā tyē-tsā thōr'lā lyōk sētāt hōtā Tyō gharā-pāsī ālyā-var
Then his eldest son in-the-field was He house-near coming-on
 tyēn gānā badzānā nī'lā Tāvā gadyāt'lā yōk gadis
him-by singing music was-heard Then servants-in-being one to-servant
 bōlārūn itsār'lā, 'hō kāy hai?' Tyēn tyās-m sāngi'lē kī,
having-called he-asked, 'this what is?' Him-by to-him it-was-told that,
 'tudzā bhāu ālā hai Āni tyō tujā bāpās kuśāl mīlālā
'thy brother come is And he thy to-father safe was-got
 mhanūn-sāti mōt jēvan kēlā hai ' Tāvā tyō rāgā-lā yēvūn āt
therefore great a-feast made is' Then he anger-to having-come in
 dzāi-nā Yē-chyā-kar'tā bāp bhār yēūn-śyāni tyās-m sam'dzāvū
would-not-go. Of-this-for the-father out having-come to-him to-persuade
 lāg'lā Mag tyēn bāpā-lā phurūn bōl'lā kī, 'bag, it'ka
began Then him-by the-father-to again it-was-said that, 'see, so-many
 varis tujī tsāk'rī kar'tō, tujī gōtt myū kavā-ts mōd'li nāi. Tārī
years thy service I-do, thy story by-me ever was-broken not Still
 myā mādzē sōb'ti-barābar ohān karanyās tu mā-lā kavā-ts
I of-me friends-with merriment to-make (by-)thee me-to ever
 sēji-ohī pillū-bī dilā nāi Āni tudzā jind'gi kas'bini-tsē-barābar
sheep-of young-one-even was-given not And thy property of-harlots-with
 sam'dī hāi kēlyālā, hā tudzā lyōk ālā hai, mhanūn tyē-tsasāti
all waste made, this thy son come is, therefore him-for

mōta jēvan kēla hais' Tavā tyōn tyās mhanṭ'lā kī, 'lēkā,
great a-feast made is-by-thee Then him-by to-him it-was-said that, 'son,
 tu hamēshā mādžē-sangāt hai Mādža sam'da jind'gī tuji-ts hai
thou always of-me-with art. My all property thine-alone is
 Pan hyāh-kusāli karāva hyō rāst hai Kā mhanṭ'la, tar,
But joy-merriment should-be-made this right is Why (if-)it-is-said, then,
 hyō tudzā bhāu mēlā hōtā, tyō phurūn jivant dzālā hai, āni
this thy brother dead was, he again alive become is, and
 gamāv'lā hōtā, tyō milālā hai'
lost was, he got is'

The current language of Dharwar is Kanarese. According to information collected for the Linguistic Survey there are, however, about 44,000 people in that district who talk Marāthī. The educated class, especially those who have been trained in schools and colleges, use the Standard form of that language, while the other classes speak a dialect which shows some traces of Kanarese influence.

The Marāthī Kun'bis in the Dharwar and Kalghatgi Talukas in the west of the district bordering on Kanara are said to speak a dialect called Kuḷvādi. The number of speakers has been estimated at 3,000.

A list of Standard Words and Phrases in Kuḷvādi has been received from the Commissioner. It shows that the dialect in some points agrees with the form of Marāthī current in the Konkan. Thus, we find the present tense of the verb substantive formed as follows —

Singular 1	<i>hāvu</i>	Plural 1	<i>hāy</i>
2	<i>hās</i>	2	<i>hāy</i>
3	<i>hāy</i>	3	<i>hāt</i>

Similarly we also find forms such as *tu mār'tēs*, thou striketh, *tō mār'tāy*, he strikes, *tumī mār'tyāsī*, you strike, *tyānī mār'tyāt*, they strike. In the past tense we find forms such as *tyān mār'tyān*, he struck, *tyānī mār'tyānī*, they struck, etc.

In the future we may note forms such as *tumī mār'sālī*, you will strike, *tyānī mār'tyālī*, they will strike.

In other respects Kuḷvādi does not seem to differ from the usual form of Marāthī spoken in the Dekhan.

The Marāthī dialect of Dharwar is, in some places, influenced by the neighbouring Kanarese. The pronunciation is said to be broad and rough as in that language. The various genders and the different verbal constructions are sometimes confounded, thus, *āp'lā* (for *āp'li*) *sarv jind'gī*, all his property, *grīhasthā-chī* (instead of *-chya*) *gharī*, in a citizen's house, *tu mēj'vānī dīlē*, thou gavest a feast, *mī pāp kēlō*, I did sin, and so on.

The two specimens which follow illustrate this mixed form of Marāthī. It will be seen that the discrepancies are not very important.

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MARĀTHĪ.

DHARWAR DIALECT

(DISTRICT DHARWAR)

SPECIMEN I

एक मनुष्याला दोन मुले होते । आणि त्या-पैकी धाकटा मुलगा त्याच्या वापाला म्हणाला की, वावा जिन्दगी-पैकी माझे हिशाला येणार भाग मला दे । तेवा त्याचा वाप आपला जिन्दगी विभाग करून दिला । काहि दिवसा-नन्तर लहान मुलगा आपला सर्व जिन्दगी घेवून दूर देशाला गेला । तेथे तो आपला सर्व जिन्दगी लफगिरीने नाश केला । तो आपला सर्व जिन्दगी खर्च केल्या-नन्तर त्या देशात मोठा दुष्काळ पडला । तेवा तो आपला पोटाला काहि नाही असे पाहून त्या गावा-पैकी एका गृहस्थाची घरी जावून राहिला । तो गृहस्थ त्याला डुकर सरक्षण करायला आपला शेताला पाठविला । तेथे तो डुकर खाण्याची पेंडीने आपला पोटा भरायला इच्छा केला, तरी ते सुधा त्याला कोणी-ही दिले नाही । तेवा तो शुद्धि-वर येवून असे म्हणाला की, माझ्या वापा जवळ पुष्कळ नवकराला पोटाभर अन्न मिळते । असे असून मी उपवास मरतो । मी आता झडून माझ्या वापा-कडे जावून म्हणतो की, वावा मी तुमच्या-पुढे व परलोका विसर पाप केली । आता तुमचा मुलगा म्हणून घ्यायला मी योग्य नाही । मला तुमच्या नवकरा-पैकी एक करून घ्या । असे वोलून तो आपला वावा-कडे गेला । तो अजून दूर होता तेव्हाच त्याचा वाप त्याला पाहून मोठ्या अन्तःकरुणाने त्याच्या-कडे प्रकृत जावून त्याच्या गळ्याला मिटि घालून चुविला । तेवा तो मुलगा म्हणाला की, वावा, परलोका-विरुद्ध व तुमच्या समक्ष पाप मी केला । आता तुमचा मुलगा म्हणून घ्यायला योग्य नाही । हे ऐकून वाप आपला नवकर लोकाला असे सांगितला की, उत्तम प्रकारचे आंगरखा आणून त्याला घाला, त्याच्या वोटात आंगठी घाला, आणखी पायात जोडे घाला । अन्ही जीवन करून, धानंदाने राहू । कारण हा माझा मुलगा मेल्या-सारखा झाला होता

आता तो जीवंत आहे, गेला होता तो आता मिळाला। सर्वांना हे ऐकून आनन्द झाला ॥

त्याचा थोरला मुलगा शिता-मधे होता। शिताहून परत येताना घरा-जवळ नृत्य आणि गायन ऐकून, आज काय आहे, म्हणून आपला नवकरा-पैकी एकाला बोलावून विचारला। तुम्हा सहोदर आला आहे म्हणून तो नवकर सांगितला, आणखी तो पुनः सुरक्षित येवून भेटला-मुळे तुम्हा बाप मेजवानी वगैरे आनंदाचा कृत्य केला आहे। हे ऐकून तो रागावून घरा बाहेर उभा राहिला। तेव्हा त्याचा बाप बाहेर येऊन त्याला विनंती करू लागला। त्याला मुलगा बोलला की, पहा, मी इतके दिवस तुमचे सेवा करीत आहे। तुमचा अज्जा मी कधी-ही मोडलो नाही। असे असून माझ्या स्नेही बरोबर चैनि करायाला मला कधी-ही सवड दिले नाही। परन्तु तुम्हा सर्व संपत्त रांडवाजीने हरलेला तुम्हा मुलगा आल्या बरोबर तू त्याच्या करिता मेजवानी दिले। त्याला बाप सांगितले की, तू नेहमी माझ्या-जवळ असतोस, माझा सर्व जिन्दगी तुम्हाच आहे। आता तू आनन्दी व संतोषी व्हावा असावा होतास। कारण हा तुम्हा बंधु मेलेला जीवत आहे आणि गेलेला साँपडला आहे ॥

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(DISTRICT DHARWAR)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēk	manushyā-lā	dōn	mulē	hōtē	Āṇi	tyā-paikī	
<i>A-certain</i>	<i>man-to</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>them-from-among</i>	
dhāk'tā	mul'gā	tyā-chyā	bāpā-lā	mhapālā	kī,	'bābā,	
<i>the-younger</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>his</i>	<i>father-to</i>	<i>said</i>	<i>that,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	
jund'gi-paikī	mājhē	hūsā-lā	yēnār	bhāg	ma-lā	dē' Tēvā	
<i>the-property-from-among</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>share-to</i>	<i>to-come</i>	<i>portion</i>	<i>me-to</i>	<i>give' Then</i>	
tyā-tsā	bāp	āp'lā	jund'gi	vibhāg-karūn	dīlā	Kāhī dīv'sā-nantar	
<i>his</i>	<i>father</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>having-divided</i>	<i>gave</i>	<i>Some days-after</i>	
labhān	mul'gā	āp'lā	sarv	jund'gi	gbhēvūn	dūr dēsā-lā	
<i>the-younger</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>having-taken</i>	<i>a-far country-to</i>	
gēlā	Tēthē	tō	āp'lā	sarv	jund'gi	laphaṅgiri-nē	nās-kēlā Tō
<i>went</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>riotous-living-by</i>	<i>squandered He</i>
āp'lā	sarv	jund'gi	kharts-kēlyā-nantar	tyā	dēsāt	mōthā	dushkāḷ
<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>had-expended-after</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>in-country</i>	<i>a-great</i>	<i>famine</i>
pad'lā	Tēvā	tō	āp'lā	pōtā-lā	kāhī	nāhī	asē pāhūn tyā
<i>fell</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>belly-to</i>	<i>anything</i>	<i>is-not</i>	<i>so seeing that</i>
gāvā-paikī	ēkā	grihasthā-ohī	gharī	dzāvūn	rāhlā	Tō	
<i>village-from-among</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>householder-of</i>	<i>to-house</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>remained</i>	<i>That</i>	
grihasth	tyā-lā	duk'ra	samrakshaṇ	karāyā-lā	āp'lā	śētā-lā	pāṭhavilā.
<i>householder</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>swine</i>	<i>protection</i>	<i>to-make</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>field-to</i>	<i>sent.</i>
Tēthē	tō	duk'ra	khānyā-chī	pēndī-nē	āp'lā	pōt	bharāyā-lā ichchhā
<i>There</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>swine</i>	<i>eating-of</i>	<i>husks-with</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>belly</i>	<i>to-fill wish</i>
kēlā,	tārī	tē	sudhā	tyā-lā	kōnī-hī	dīlē	nāhī Tēvā tō
<i>made, yet</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>even</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>by-anybody-even</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>Then he</i>
śuddhi-var	yēvūn	asē	mhanālā	kī,	'mājhyā	bāpā-dzaval	pushkāḷ
<i>senses-on</i>	<i>having-come</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>said</i>	<i>that,</i>	<i>'my</i>	<i>father-near</i>	<i>many</i>
nav'k'rā-lā	pōt-bhai	ann	mi'tē,	asē	asūn	mī	up'vāsa mar'tō
<i>servants-to</i>	<i>belly-full</i>	<i>food</i>	<i>is-got, so</i>	<i>having-been</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>starvation-by</i>	<i>am-dying</i>
Mī	ūtā	ithūn	mājhyā	bāpā-kadē.	dzāvūn	mhan'tō	kī, "bābā,
<i>I</i>						<i>say</i>	<i>that, "father,</i>

ma tujhvā puthi va par-lōkā-viruddh pāp kēlō, ātā tum-tsā mul'gī
I of-thee before and next-world-against sin did, now your son
 mahānūn ghrivā-li mī yōgy nāhī, ma-lā tum-chyā nav'k'rā-paiki
being glad to-take I worthy am-not; me-to your servants-from-among
 ōl karūn ghyā'' Asē bōlūn tō āplā bābā-kadē gēlā Tō
one having-made take'' So having-said he his-own father-to went He
 adzun dūr hōtī tēbhā-ts tyā-tsā bāp tvā-lā pāhūn mōthvā
for far was just-then his father him having-seen great
 antahāranū-nē tyā chyā-kadē palat dzāvūn tyā-chyā galyā-lā miti
cor passion-with him-of-towards running having-gone his neck-to embracing
 ghālūn chumbilā Tēvā tō mul'gā mhanālā kī, 'bābā, par-lōkā-
having-put kissed Then the son said that, 'father, next-world-
 viruddh va tum-chyā samaksham pāp mī kēlā Ātā tum-tsā
against and your in-presence sin I did Now your
 mul'gī mhanūn ghyāyī-lā yōgy nāhī.' Hē aikūn bāp
son having-said to take worthy am-not' This having-heard the-father
 āplā nav'k'ir lōkā-lā asē sāngit'lā kī, 'uttam prakār-chē āngark'hā
his own servant people-to so told that, 'the-best sort-of a-coat
 ānūn tvā-lā ghālā, tyā-chyā bōtāt āng'thī ghālā, ān'khī
having brought him-to put; his on-finger a-ring put, and
 piyāt dzōdē ghālā, ambi jēvan karūn ānandā-nē rāhū,
on-foot shoes put, we feeding having-done gladness-with will-live;
 hiran hā mādzhā mul'gā mēlvā-sār'khā dzhālā hōtā, ātā tō jīvant
because this my son dead-like become was, now he alive
 ahē, gēlā hōtā, tō ātā mīlālā' Sarvā-nā hē aikūn ānand
it, none was, he now is-obtained' All-to this having-heard joy
 dikhilā
became

Tvā-tsā thōrlā mul'gā śētā-madhū hōtā Śētā-hūn parat yētā-nā
His eldest son field-in was Field-from back while-coming
 bhānā dzavā nriti anī gīyan aikūn, 'ādz kāy āhē?'
house-near dancing and singing having-heard, 'to-day what there-is?'
 mānūn āplā nav'k'rī-paiki ōkī-lā bōlāvūn vichār'lā 'tudzhā
being glad his own servants-from-among one-to having-called he-asked 'Thy
 bābā-kadē dū, mhanūn tō nav'kar sāngit'lī, 'ān'khī tō punah
father-to went He having-said that servant told, 'and he again
 samakshat yevūn bhāt'lā-mulē tudzhā bāp māj'vānī, vagairē,
in-presence come met-because thy father feast, etc,
 ān'khī hēlā hē' Hē aikūn tō rāgāvūn
and he being angry was' This having-heard he being-angry

gharā-bāhēr ubhā rāhulā Tēvhā tyā-tsā bāp bāhēr yēūn
house-outside-of standing remained Then his father out having-come
 tyā-lā vinantī karū lāg'lā Tyā-lā mul'gā bōl'lā kī, 'pahā, mī it'hē
him-to entreaty to-do began Him-to the-son said that, 'see, I so-many
 divas tum-chē sēvā karīt āhē, tum-tsā adnyā mī kadhī-hī mōd'lō
days your service doing am, your order I ever-even broke
 nāhī, asē asūn mājhyā snēhī-barōbar ohainī karāyā-lā mā-lā kadhī-hī
not, so having-been my friends-with merriment to-make me-to ever-even
 savad dilē nāhī. Parantu tudzhā sarv sampat rānd-bājī-nē har'lēlā
liberty given not But thy all wealth harlotry-by who-has-wasted
 tudzhā mul'gā ālyā-barōbar tū tyā-chyā karitā mēj'vānī dilē '
thy son came-as-soon-as thou of-him for a-feast gavest '
 Tyā-lā bāp sāngit'lē kī, 'tū nēh'mī mājhyā-dzava] astōs, mādzhā
Him-to the-father said that, 'thou always of-me-near art, my
 sarv jund'gī tudzhā-ts āhē Ātā tū ānandī va santōshī vāhvā-
all property thine-alone is Now thou happy and contented shouldst-
 asāvā-hōtās, kāran hā tudzhā bandhu mēlēlā, jīvant āhē, āpī gēlēlā,
have-been, because this thy brother dead, alive is, and gone,
 sāpad'lā āhē.'
found is '

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MARATHI

DHARWAR DIALECT

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SPECIMEN II.

A FOLK-TALE

येक कोला व कोली होती। ते येक दिवस फिरण्यास गेले। जाताना वाटे-मधे येक वाघाचा घर होता, ते पाहून कोली, मी इथेच प्रसूत होतो, म्हणू लागली। हे ऐकून कोला म्हणाला की, अग रांडे, वाघ सायंकाळी येवून तुला खाऊन टाकील। खाल्या-वर तुम्हा जन्म नाहिसा होतो। हे न ऐकता कोली वाघाच्या घरात गेली। सायंकाळी वाघ आपल्या घराला आला। हे पाहून कोला कोलीस, मूल कशासाठी रडतात, म्हणून विचारला। त्याला ती, वाघाचा मास दे म्हणतात, म्हणून सांगितली। त्याला कोला, आणून दिलो आहे की, म्हणून उत्तर दिला। हे ऐकून कोली, ते सगळे संपले म्हणून सांगितली। तेवडे वाघ ऐकून, मला मारतात, म्हणून पळून गेला। इतक्यात मूल थोर झाली आणि आई व मूल मिळून आपल्या घराला जाऊन प्रपंच करू लागले। वाघ ते गेलेले पाहून आपल्या घराला आला ॥

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TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Yek	kōlā	va	kōli	hōti	Ti	yēk	divas	phir'nyās	gēlē
<i>A</i>	<i>fox</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>a-tixen</i>	<i>the-c-were</i>	<i>They</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>to-walk</i>	<i>went</i>
Dzātā-nā	vātē-madhē	yēk	vāghā-tsā	ghar	hōtā,	tē	pāhūn		
<i>While-going</i>	<i>the-way on</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>tiger-of</i>	<i>house</i>	<i>was,</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>having-seen</i>		
kōli,	'mi	ithē-ts	prāsūt-hōtō,	mhanū	lāg'li	Hē	akūn		
<i>the-tixen,</i>	<i>'I</i>	<i>here-only</i>	<i>deliver,</i>	<i>to-say</i>	<i>began</i>	<i>This</i>	<i>having-heard</i>		
kōlā	mhanālā	kī,	'aga	rāndē,	vāgh	sāvanhālī	yēvūn		
<i>the-fox</i>	<i>said</i>	<i>that,</i>	<i>'oh-you</i>	<i>hussy,</i>	<i>the-tiger</i>	<i>in-the-evening</i>	<i>having-come</i>		
tu-lā	khāūn	tākil,	khālyā-var	tudzhā	janm	nāhī-sā			
<i>thee-to</i>	<i>having-eaten</i>	<i>will-throw,</i>	<i>having-eaten-after</i>	<i>thy</i>	<i>life</i>	<i>nothing-like</i>			
hōtō'	Hē	na	ak'tā	kōli	vāghā-chyā	gharāt	gēli		
<i>will-be'</i>	<i>This</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>hearing</i>	<i>the-tixen</i>	<i>the-tiger-of</i>	<i>in-the-house</i>	<i>went</i>		
Sāvanhālī	vāgh	ip'lyī	gharī-lā	ālā	Hē	pāhūn	kōlā		
<i>In-the-evening</i>	<i>the-tiger</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>house-to</i>	<i>came</i>	<i>This</i>	<i>having-seen</i>	<i>the-fox</i>		
kōlis,	'mūl	kaśā-sāthī	rad'tāt?	mhanūn	vichār'lā	Tyā-lā			
<i>to-the-tixen,</i>	<i>'children</i>	<i>what-for</i>	<i>are-crying?</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>asked</i>	<i>That-to</i>			
tī,	"vāghā-tsā	mās	dē,"	mhan'tāt,	mhanūn	sāngit'li	Tyā-lā	kōlā,	
<i>she,</i>	<i>"tiger-of</i>	<i>flesh</i>	<i>give,"</i>	<i>(they)-say,</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>told</i>	<i>That-to</i>	<i>the-fox,</i>	
'ānūn	dūlō-ihē	kī,	mhanūn	uttar	dūlā	Hē			
<i>'having-brought</i>	<i>I-have-given</i>	<i>don't-you-see,</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>reply</i>	<i>gave</i>	<i>This</i>			
akūn	kōli,	'tē	sag'lē	samp'lē,	mhanūn	sāngit'li			
<i>having-heard</i>	<i>the-tixen,</i>	<i>'that</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>was-finished,</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>she-told</i>			
Tēv'dē	vāgh	akūn,	'ma-lā	mār'tāt,	mhanūn	palūn			
<i>That-much</i>	<i>the-tiger</i>	<i>having-heard,</i>	<i>'me</i>	<i>(they)-kill,</i>	<i>saying</i>	<i>having-run</i>			
gēlā	It'kyāt	mūl	thōr	dzhālī	ānī	āī			
<i>went</i>	<i>In-the-meantime</i>	<i>the children</i>	<i>grown-up</i>	<i>became</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>the-mother</i>			
va	mūl	mīlūn	āp'lyā	gharā-lā	dzāūn	prapañch			
<i>and</i>	<i>the-children</i>	<i>together</i>	<i>their-own</i>	<i>house-to</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>worldly-living</i>			
harū	lāg'lē	Vāgh	tō	gēlēlē	pāhūn	āp'lyā	gharā-lā	ālā	
<i>to-do</i>	<i>began</i>	<i>The-tiger</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>gone</i>	<i>having-seen</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>house-to</i>	<i>came.</i>	

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

Once upon a time there were a fox and a vixen. One day they were strolling about and came to the house of a tiger. Said the vixen, 'here and nowhere else I will be delivered of my cubs.' When the fox heard this he said, 'O you hussy, when the tiger comes home in the evening he will devour you and your life will be at an end.' The vixen did not listen to him but entered the house of the tiger. The tiger returned in the evening, and the fox, when he had seen this, said to the vixen, 'why are the children crying?' Answered the vixen, 'they ask me to give them some tiger's flesh.' The fox answered, 'have I not already given you some?' When the vixen heard this she said, 'that has all been consumed.' The tiger heard this and ran away thinking that they would kill him. In due time the children grew up. Then the mother went with them to their own house, and they began to live there. When the tiger saw that they were gone he came back to his own house.

KONKAN STANDARD

Marāṭhī is the principal language of all the coast districts of the Bombay Presidency, from Daman in the north to Rajapur in the south. The northern part of this territory from Daman to Umbargaon, is divided between Marāṭhī and Gujarātī, and the influence of the latter language is also felt farther south, the vocabulary being, to some extent, Gujarātī. This element is not, however, strong.

In the south Marāṭhī gradually develops into Kōṅkanī, the connecting links being Sangamēśvarī and Bāṅkōḷī on one side, and Kudāḷī on the other.

The Marāṭhī spoken in the territory defined above is closely related to the language of the Dekhan. In some characteristic points, however, it differs, much in the same way as is the case with the Marāṭhī of Berar and the Central Provinces.

It has already been remarked, and it will be shown below, that the dialects spoken by the Kun'bis of Poona and the Thākurs of Nasik mainly agree with the Marāṭhī of the Konkan. They will therefore, so far as materials are available, be dealt with in connection with that form of the language.

The Marāṭhī of the Dekhan is the language of the literature and of the Government. Through the gradual spreading of education it more and more influences the dialects of the coast districts, and the specimens received from Kolaba, Janjira, and Ratnagiri, and professing to be written in Sangamēśvarī, one of the dialects of the Konkan, have proved to be in the usual language of Marāṭhī literature. Most of them represent the speech of the educated classes, which is more or less influenced by the written language all over the Konkan.

The Portuguese missionaries, to whom we are indebted for a grammar of the dialect

as spoken in Salsette, call it the northern dialect of Kōṅkanī.
Name of the dialect. It is not, however, a dialect of Kōṅkanī, but a form of speech

intermediary between that dialect and the Standard form of Marāṭhī current in the Dekhan. It may conveniently be designated as the Konkan Standard of Marāṭhī. This name cannot lead to confusion. It has long been customary to state that Marāṭhī has two main dialects, one belonging to the Konkan, and the other current in the Dekhan. The Konkan Standard corresponds to the former. It must, however, be borne in mind that this dialect is different from Kōṅkanī, the language of the Southern Konkan.

The Konkan Standard has been returned under a bewildering mass of different names, partly denoting locality and partly caste or occupation.

To the former class belong Bāṅkōḷī, Damani, Ghāṭī, Māoli, Sub-dialects and Sangamēśvarī, to the latter Āg'rī, Bhandārī, Dhan'gari, Karhādi, Kīrīstāv, Kōḷī, Kun'bi, Par'bhī, and Thāk'rī. These so-called dialects will be separately dealt with below. In this place we shall consider them all as one form of speech, with slight local variations.

The Konkan Standard is the principal language of Thana, the Jawhar State, Kolaba,

Janjira, and the northern part of Ratnagiri. It is spoken by
Area in which spoken about 2½ million people.

Proceeding from the north the details are as follows

A dialect called Par^{abhi} has been returned as spoken by nearly the whole Marāthī speaking population of Bombay and Thana as far north as

Par^{abhi}

Daman Par^{abhi} literally means the language of the Prabhus. The Prabhus, who are identical with the Kāyasths of Gujarat and Upper India, were professional writers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, under both the Muhammadan and the Marāthā governments. Marāthī language and literature are largely indebted to their efforts in recording in prose for the first time the historical events of their period.

The Prabhus are said to have come from Gujarat and Upper India. Their language is everywhere that of their neighbours. Par^{abhi} has been returned as a separate dialect from Bombay and Thana. It is also called Kāyasthī, and in Bombay the Bombay dialect, while it is known as Damani in the north round Daman.

The number of speakers has been estimated as follows for the use of this survey —

Thana	15,000
Jawhar State	51,000
Bombay Town and Island	94,000
TOTAL	160,000

The 51,000 speakers in the Jawhar State have been returned as speaking Marāthī. No specimens have been forwarded, and the classification is not, therefore, quite certain.

Kōlis are found in almost every village in Gujarat, the Konkan, and the Dekhan.

Kōli

They are considered to be one of the early tribes, and they usually live by agriculture or fishing. They have often been connected with the Mundā tribes, who are commonly denoted as Kols. The Kōlis of Thana include many small tribes, and may broadly be sub-divided into three classes: the hill Kōlis, the Son Kōlis of the coast, and certain low-castes who are not recognised by the rest. They everywhere speak the dialect of their neighbours.

Kōli has been returned as a separate dialect from Bombay, Thana, Kolaba and Janjira. The local estimates of the numbers of speakers are as follows —

Bombay Town and Island	10,000
Thana	163,000
Kolaba	10,186
Janjira	6,000
TOTAL	189,186

The native Roman Catholic Christians of Thana are usually called Kiristāv by their

Kiristāv

Hindu and Musalman neighbours. Among Europeans they are known as Portuguese or Salsette Christians. They have been reported as speaking a separate dialect, called Kiristāv, and their number has been estimated for the purposes of this survey at 25,500.

The Kun^{bis} or Kulambis are husbandmen. They are usually divided into three groups, the Talheri or Konkan Kun^{bis}, the Marāthā or

Kun^{bis}

Dekhan Kun^{bis}, and the Pāchkalāis. They everywhere speak the local language of their district. Thus the Kun^{bis} of Khandesh speak a form of Khindēsi. See Vol. 15, Part II.

Kun'bi has been returned from the sea-coast of Thana and Janjira, and specimens have also been received from Poona. Estimates of the number of speakers are only available from Thana and Janjira. The revised figures for those districts are—

Thana	350,000
Janjira	18,000
TOTAL	368,000

The Āg'ris are a class of husbandmen, usually considered to be Kōlis. Most of them are salt makers and tillers of salt rice land. They are reported as speaking a separate dialect in Kolaba, where they are chiefly found in the villages on both sides of the Amba River in the Pen and Alibak Talukas, in villages situated on the creeks of the Panvel Taluka, and in all the villages of the Uran Peta. Their number has been estimated at 22,826.

The Dhan'gars or shepherds have often been reported to speak a dialect of their own. The so-called Dhan'garī of Chhindwara will be dealt with in connection with the other dialects of that district. It is quite different from the dialect of the shepherds in the Bombay presidency, where Dhan'garī has been returned from Thana, the Jawhar State, Janjira, and Belgaum. The following are the local estimates of the number of speakers —

Thana	1,160
Jawhar	20
Janjira	70
Belgaum	500
TOTAL	1,750

Bhāndārī is the dialect spoken by the Bhāndārīs, or palm-juice drawers. It has been reported as a distinct form of speech from Kolaba and Janjira, and the number of speakers has been estimated as follows —

Kolaba	3,813
Janjira	4,850
TOTAL	8,663

The Thākurs are one of the early tribes, and they are found all over Gujarat, the Dekhan, and the Konkan. They are considered to be the descendants of Rājputs and Kōlis. Thāk'ri has been returned as a separate language from Kolaba and Nasik, and the number of speakers has been estimated as follows —

Kolaba	10,405
Nasik	15,000
TOTAL	25,405

Karhādī is the dialect spoken by the Karhādī Brāhmans in Sawantwadi, Ratnagiri, and Bombay Town and Island. They are supposed to take their name from Karhad in Satara. Estimates of their number are only available from Bombay Town and Island, where they are said to number about 2,000.

To this total must be added the speakers of a few broken dialects, viz, Kātkari or Kāthōdi, Vārli, Vād'val, Phud'gi and Sāmvedī. They will be dealt with below. We thus arrive at the following grand total —

Konkan Standard	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,174,917
Kātkari	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76,700
Vārli	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92,000
Vād'val	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,500
Phud'gi	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000
Sāmvedī	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,700
TOTAL									2,350,817

The most typical form of the Konkani Standard is spoken in the southern part of Thana, and will be dealt with first. A grammar of this form of speech was written in the seventeenth century by a Portuguese missionary, and the missionary Francisco Vas de Guimaraens wrote an abridged version of the gospels in it. An analysis of this latter work has been printed in the Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, and a short specimen, taken from that source, has been reproduced below. It is usually known as a 'Purān' and is highly popular with the Catholic Christians of Thana.

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Pronunciation—There is considerable uncertainty in the marking of long vowels. Thus we find *nāy* and *nav*, not, *uñhūn* and *uñhun*, having risen, *tñ* and *tñ*, thou, *hutñ* and *hōtñ*, I was. The final *ā* of neuter bases is usually marked as short, thus, *sag'lā*, all, *duk'rā*, swine. The long forms *sag'lā*, *duk'rā*, etc., are, however, also common and seem to be more correct. *Ē* is usually pronounced as *yī*, *yā*, or *yō*, thus, *yēh*, *yōh*, one, *lyēh*, *lyāh*, and *lyōh*, son. Before *ñ* a guttural is occasionally changed to the corresponding palatal. Thus, *gēlā*, *gyēlā*, and *jēlā*, he went, *ghēñ* and *ghēñ*, having taken, *lēlā* and *chēlā*, done. Similarly we often find *rō* and *rā* instead of *ō*, thus, *pōf* and *prōf*, belly, *sōnā* and *erānā*, gold.

An *a* is pronounced in many cases where the language of the Dekhan uses *ē*. Thus especially in the neuter singular of strong bases, the neuter plural of weak bases, and the future of the first conjugation. Thus, *sōnā*, gold, *duk'rā*, swine, *bōlan*, I shall say. *A* also corresponds to *ē* of the Dekhan in several pronominal adverbs, and, occasionally, also elsewhere, thus, *tacā*, there, *bhuka-na*, by hunger, *hōta*, they were.

The Anunāsika is very commonly dropped. Thus, *karñ*, and *karu*, to do; *rānāt*, in the forest. It is often, however, replaced by an *n*, and an *n*-sound is often inserted between a vowel and a following consonant. Thus, *tāntlā*, from among them, *mīn*, by me, *māndzā* and *mādzā*, my, *lanthā* and *kathā*, story, etc.

Aspirated and unaspirated letters do not seem to differ much in pronunciation, and they are often interchanged. Thus, *jīb*, tongue, *āmī*, we, *hānūn* and *ānūn*, having brought, *lābh^htē* and *lāb^ttē*, is found, etc.

The palatals are pronounced as *ts*, *dz*, etc., not only in the same cases as in the Dekhan, but also before *ē*, thus, *dzē*, who (plural), *tyā-tsē sōk^rrē*, his sons.

Cerebral *d* and *dh* after vowels become *r*, thus, *ghōrā*, a horse, *par^llā*, he fell, *av^rrā*, so great. *D* is, however, preserved in the extreme north and in Ratnagiri, and also in the east where the influence of the Dekhan standard is stronger.

Cerebral *n* becomes *ñ*, thus, *lōñ*, who? *pan*, but *ñ* is often written where the influence of the literary language is strong, and it is probably also often pronounced by the educated. Thus, the Karhādā Brāhmans of Bombay use the cerebral *n*. In the verb *mhanⁿñē*, to say, *n* sometimes becomes *ng*, thus, *mhangun*, therefore.

Cerebral *l* becomes *l̥*, thus, *sag^{l̥}lā*, all, *dōlā*, an eye. *L* is, however, often used exactly as is the case with *n*.

V is very faintly sounded before *ī*, *ē* and *ē*, thus we find *istū* and *vistū*, fire, *īs* and *vīs*, twenty, *yēl* and *vēl*, time.

In other respects the pronunciation is mainly the same as in the Dekhan.

Nouns.—The oblique base is, in most cases, formed as in the Dekhan. *Bāpus*, a father, however, has the oblique form *bāpās*, thus, *bāpās-tsā*, of a father. In the same way we often find *āis*, a mother, unchanged before case suffixes and forming its plural *āyās*, oblique *āyās*. The regular forms are, however, also often used. Thus, we find in Sangamēśvarī forms such as *bāpās*, to a father, *bāpās-hadē*, towards (his) father. On the other hand, the oblique form sometimes ends in *s*, also in other nouns, thus, *sōkrīs-lā*, to a daughter, *mānsās-lā*, to a man.

Bases ending in *ū* often change *ū* to *vā* in the oblique form, thus, *lēk^rrū*, a child, obl. *lēk^rrvā*. The common form is, however, *lēk^rrā* as in the Dekhan.

The case suffixes are, on the whole, the same as in the Dekhan, but the case of the agent usually ends in *n*, *na*, or *nī*, thus, *sōk^rryān*, by the son, *bābā-na* and *bāpās-nī*, by the father. The last form is originally a plural. An ablative is often formed by adding *dzūn*, and this form is very often used as the case of the agent, thus, *bāpās-dzūn tsāk^rrā-lā sāngē^tlā*, the father said to the servants. The suffix *śī* or *śi* is also very commonly used to form an ablative or instrumental, thus, *tsāk^rrān-śi ēh*, one from the servants. The locative is often formed by adding *ān* or *āt*, thus, *gharān* and *gharāt*, in the house.

We may finally note that the neuter gender is commonly used as in Kōnkanī to denote young female beings, thus, *tsēdū*, a girl (Sangamēśvarī). Compare Telugu.

Pronouns.—The personal pronouns are the same as in the Dekhan, subject to the changes mentioned under the head of Pronunciation. Thus, *mī*, I, *āmī*, we, *tū*, thou, *tumī*, you. The agent case often takes the suffix *nī*, thus, *mī* and *mī-nī*, by me. 'To me' is *ma-nā* and *ma-lā*, 'my' is *mād^zā*, *mānd^zā*, and also sometimes *māhā*. The first person plural, when the person addressed is included, is *āpun*.

Other pronouns are in the main regular. The usual form for 'this' is *hō* or *ō*, but also *hā* and *ā*. In Sangamēśvarī we find *hā*, thus, *tā*, that, and *dzā*, which.

Verbs.—The verb substantive is formed from the bases *as* and *hō* as in the Dekhan. The base *as* forms its present tense regularly *āsē*, I am, *āsēs*, thou art, etc. The present

tense of the base *hō* is formed irregularly, the vowel *ō* being changed to *ā*, thus, singular, 1, *hāy*, 2, *hāy's* and *hās*, 3, *hāy*; plural, 1, *hāv*, 2, *hā* and *hāv*, 3, *hāt* and *hān*, occasionally also *hātīn*

The past tense only differs from the usual Dekhan form in the first person singular feminine, which is *hōtē*, or *hōtyē*, and not *hōtē* The second person plural has sometimes different forms for the three genders, thus, m. *hōtēs*, fem. *hōtyās*, n. *hōtēs* These forms are, however, probably only used as an honorific singular

The future is *āsan* and *hōin*, I shall be

The present tense of finite verbs has only one form for all genders Thus, *mī sōdātāy*, I seek, 2, *sōdātēs*, 3, *sōdātē*, plural, 1, *sōdātāv*, 2, *sōdātā*, 3, *sōdātāt* and *sōdātān*

In the imperative we may note forms such as *dēs*, give, *ghēs*, take

The past tense of intransitive verbs is formed as in the Dekhan, with the same exceptions as in the case of the verb substantive Thus, *mī gēlā*, I went

The past tense of transitive verbs differs from the Marāṭhī of the Dekhan in often agreeing with an inflected object, as is also the case in Kōnkanī and Gujarātī Thus, *tyā-nā tyā-lā pathāv'lā*, he sent him, where *pathāv'lā* has the form of the nominative masculine In the third person singular an *n* is often added, and the form ending in *ān* is often used both with a masculine and feminine object Thus, *tyā-na mti mār'lān*, or *mār'līn*, by him embracing was struck, he embraced

The perfect and pluperfect are formed as in the Dekhan Thus, *tō gēlāy* (t e, *gēlā-hāy*), he has gone, *tō mēlatā* (t e, *mēlā hōtā*), he had died The uncontracted forms never occur in the specimens

The future of the first conjugation ends in *an*, thus, *mī bōlan*, I shall say The second person singular often ends in *si*, thus, *mār'si*, thou wilt strike (Karhādī, Bombay, and Kuṇ'bi, Thana), *mār'siv*, thou wilt strike (Dhan'garī and Kōjī from Janjira)

In the conjunctive participle *si* and *sēnī* or *sanī* are often added, thus, *uṭhun-si*, having arisen, *ḍzāun sēnī*, having gone

Other forms are the same as in the Dekhan, and Dekhan forms are very commonly used in addition to the special Konkan forms More especially, the present tense is formed as in the Dekhan in all dialects of the interior, on the border towards Dekhan

The vocabulary is to some extent peculiar to the Konkan, and sometimes agrees with Gujarātī as against Standard Marāṭhī Thus we find in the first specimen *sōk'rā*, a son, *ḍzak'lā*, all, *bḍzā*, other, *mērē*, near, *ḍzāp'nā*, to speak (Sanskrit *jalp*), *mānd'nā*, to begin, and so on Other peculiar words have been collected in the District Gazetteer See Authorities

There will, however, be no difficulty on this account in understanding the specimens which follow The first is a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son It has been received from Bombay Town and professes to illustrate the language of the Kōjīs in Thana and Kolaba The second specimen is a folktale from the Janjira State, also professing to be written in Kōjī The third is taken from the old Purān by Vas de Gumaraens. The transliteration has been altered in accordance with the system used for this survey

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KŌLĪ DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN AND ISLAND)

SPECIMEN I

एका मानसाला दोन सोकरे होते। त्यामनचा धाकला सोकरा बापासला जापला। बापुस माजा धनाचा वाँटा माना देस। तदँ बापास-जून धन वाँटिलँ। तदँ थोऱ्या दिसांशी धाकल्या सोकल्यान त्याच्या वाँड्याला जवरँ आलतँ तवरँ जकलँ कवलिलँ आन दूर बिजा गाँवा जेला आन तटे रेलान त्याचे मेरे जवरँ होतँ नोतँ तवरँ जकलँ उदलिलँ। याचे मेरे अर्दी पुन नोती नी त्या गाँवात मोटा दुकाल आयला नी तदँ त्यातो खावाचे हाल होवँ लागले। मगशी तो तनचेच एका सावकाराचे घरा जेला न त्याचे जवल झाला। तदँ त्या सावकारान त्याला धारलन शीता-वर डुकरँ चारावाला। डुकराँला जी भुशी लाभे त्यामनची त्यान खुशीशीं खावन पोटा भरलँ असतँ। पुन त्याला कोन देवाला नाय। तदँ त्याचे डोले उघरले तदँ तो जापिते। माझे बापासचे घरा कवरे चाकराँला पोटाभर रोटी लाभते न मी अटे इन रोटी मरताँय। आताँ मी अटेशी उठताँय न बापासचे घरा जाताँय न त्याला निमगिताँय, रोय बापुस मीन परमेसराचँ तुज देकत पाप केलँय। तवाँ आजशीं माना तुजा सोकरा नय बोलवये। पन माना तूँ आजशीं चाकर लेख। अवरँ जापुनशी तो त्याचे बापासचे घरा जेला। जदँ त्याचे बापास-जून लांबशीं बगिलँ माझा सोकरा येते तदँ तो धाँवत जेला न सोकल्याला आँटी मारली। तदँ सोकरा बोलते रोय बापुस मीन तुजे देखत परमेसराचँ पाप केलँ न आजशीं माना तुजा सोकरा नय बोलवये। त्याचे बापास-जून चाकराँला सांगितलँ, याला आंगान घालावा एक आंगरखा हाना नी द्यास। याचे हातान आंगुतली न पायान जोरे घालावास द्यास। मगशी आपुन जेवाचँ मांडु नी मजा करूँ। माजा सोकरा मेलता तो बिजुन जिता भायला न तो नाय झालता माना लाबला। तदँ ते जकले नाचावा लागले ॥

ते वकताला त्याचा मोटा सोकरा शिता-वर जेलता। तो घरा आयला। तो घरा मेरे पोचला तदँ त्यानँ बगिलँ लोक नाचतान वाजवितान कनाला। त्यानँ एक चाकराला मेरे वारतलँ न निमगिलँ बला येँ का। तदँ तो चाकर जापिला तुजा भाव 'आयलाय नी तुजे वापासला तो बिनुन लाबलाय तदँ लोकाँला जेवन मांडलाय। अवरँ ऐकिलँ न त्याला राग आयला न तो घराँत जायना। त्यातो त्याचा वापुस वेना आयला न त्याची समजी करावा लागला। तदँ तो वापासला बोलते। वगुँ गा वापुस मिन अवरँ वरसँ चाकरी केली। तुजा सबद कदुन नय मोरला। तरी पन तूँ माना कदुन तरी भाग्यँ संग बैसुन खुशिश्रीं बोकर खावाला नय दिलास। न ज्या तुज्या सोकखान तुजँ धन नाशिलँ तो घरा आयला त्यातो तूँ अवरँ मोटँ जेवन करतेस। तदँ वापुस जापला रोय अटे वग तूँ जकला टेप माजे मेरे असतेस तदँ माभ्या मेरे हाय तेँ तुजँच। पन तुजा भाउस मेलता तो बिनुन जिता आयला न भासलाता तो लाबला। त्यातो आज हौस न मौज करावाची ॥

[No 8]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KŌLĪ DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN AND ISLAND)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā mān'sā-lā dōn sōk'rē hōtē . Tyā-man-tṣā dhāk'lā sōk'rā bāpās-lā
 One man-to two sons were Them-in-of younger son father-to
 dzāp'lā, 'bāpus, mādzā dhanā-tṣā vātā mā-nā dēs' Tādā bāpās-dzūn
 said, 'father, my wealth-of share me-to give' Then the-father-by
 dhan vātālā Tādā thōrvā dṣā-sī dhāk'lā sōk'rān tyā-chyā
 the-wealth was-divided Then a-few days-by the-younger son-by him-of
 vātā-lā dzar'rā ālatā tar'rā dzak'lā kar'lilā, ān dūr
 share-to what-much had-come that-much all was-collected, and far
 bijā gāvā jēlā Ān tatē rēlā, na tyā-tṣē-mērē dzar'rā
 another to-village he-went And there lived, and him-of-near whatever
 hōtā-nōtā tar'rā dzak'lā ud'lilā Yā-tṣē-mērē ardi pun
 was-and-was-not that-much all was-squandered This-of-near a-pie even
 nōti. Nī tyā gāvāt mōtā dubāl āy'lā, nī tadā tvā-tō
 was-not And that into-village great famine came, and then to-him
 khāvā-tṣē hāl hōvā lāglē. Mag-sī tō tantṣē-tṣ ēkā
 eating-of distress to-be began Afterwards he that-very-place-of one
 sāv'hārā-tṣē gharā jēlā, na tyā-tṣē-dzaval rhālā Tādā tyā sāv'hārān
 rich-man-of to-house went, and him-of-near lived Then that rich-man-by
 tyā-lā dhār'lan sētā-var duk'rā tsārāvā-lā. Duk'rā-lā jī bhu'sī
 him-to it-was-sent a-fie'd-in sicine to-graze The-sicine-to which husk
 lābhē tyā-man-chī tyān khu'sī-sī khāv'n pōt bhar'lā astā
 was-got that-in-from him-by gladly having-eaten belly filled would-have-been
 Pan tvā-lā kōn dēvā-lā nāy Tādā tyā-tṣē dōlē ughar'lē Tādā
 But him-to anyone give-to was-not Then his eyes opened Then
 tō dzāpitē, 'mādzhē bāpās-tṣē gharā lav'rē tsāk'rā-lā pōt-bhar rōṭi
 he said, 'my father-of at-house how-many servants-to belly-full bread
 lābh'tē, na mī atē m-rōṭi mar'tāv Ātā mī atē-sī ut'tāy
 is-got and I here without-bread die. Now I from-here rise

na bāpās-tsē gharā dzūtāy na tyā-lā nīm'gitāy, "rōy bāpus, mīn
and father-of to-house go and him-to I-say, "O father, by-me
 Par'mēs'rā-tsā tudz dēkat pāp kēlāy Tavā ādz-sī mā-nā
God-of thy in-sight sin is-made Therefore to-day-from me-to
 tudzā sōk'rā nay bōlava-yē Pan mā-nā tū ādz-sī tsākar
thy son not to-call-is-proper But me-to thou to-day-from a-servant
 lēkh "' Av'rā dzāpun-sī tō tyā-tsē bāpās-tsē gharā jēlā Džadā
consider "' Thus having-said he his father-of to-house went When
 tyā-tsē bāpās-dzūn lāmb-sī bagilā, 'madzhā sōk'rā yētē,' tadā tō
his father-by from-distance it-was-seen, 'my son comes,' then he
 dhārat jēlā na sōk'ryā-lā ātī mār'lī Tadā sōk'rā bōl'tē,
running went and son-to embracing was-struck Then the-son speaks,
 'rōy bāpus, mīn tudzē dēkhat Par'mēs'rā-tsā pāp kēlā, na ādz-sī
'O father, me-by thy in-sight God-of sin made-is, and to-day-from
 mā-nā tudzā sōk'rā nay bōlava-yē ' Tyā-tsē bāpās-dzūn tsāk'rā-la
me-to thy son not to-call is-proper' His father-by servants-to
 sāngit'lā, 'yā-lā āngān ghālāvā ēk āngar'khā hānā nī dyās, tyā-tsē
it-was-told, 'this-to on-body to-put-on one coat bring and give, his
 hātān āngut'lī na pāyān dzōrē ghālāvās dyās Mag sī āpun jēvā-tsā
on-hand a-ring and on-feet shoes to-put give Then we dining-of
 māndu, nī madzā karū Mādzā sōk'rā melatā, tō bīdzun
shall-begin, and merry shall-make My son was-dead, he again
 jūtā dzhāy'lā, na tō nāy-dzhālatā, mā-nā lāb'lā ' Tadā tē
alive has-become, and he was-lost, me-to was-obtained' Then they
 dzak'lē nāchāvā lāglē
all to-dance began

Tē vak'tā-lā tyā-tsā mōtā sōk'rā sētā-var jēlatā, tō gharā
That time-at his elder son the-field-in had-gone; he to-house
 āy'lā Tō gharā-mērē pōts'lā tadā tyā-nā bagilā, 'lōk nāoh'tān
came He house-near reached then him-by it-was-seen, 'people dance
 vādzavitān kanā-lā l' Tyā-nā ēk tsāk'rā-lā mērē vārat'lā na
play why l' Him-by one servant-to near it-was-called and
 nīm'gilā, 'balā, yē lā ?' Tadā tō tsākar dzāpūlā, 'tudzā bhāv
asked, 'O, this what ?' Then that servant said, 'thy brother
 āy'lāy, nī tudzē bāpās-lā tō bīdzun lāb'lāy tadā lōkā-lā
has-come, and thy father-to he again is-obtained therefore people-to
 jēvan mānd'lāy ' Av'rā aklā na tyā-lā rāg āy'lā, na tō
a-feast is-spread' This-much was-heard and him-to anger came, and he
 gharāt dzāy-nā Tyā-tō tyā-tsā bāpus bānā āy'lā, na tyā-chī
into-house did-not-go Therefore his father out came, and his

sam'ji karāvā lāg'lā Tadā tō bāpās-lā bōl'tē, 'bagū, gā bāpus,
entreaty to-make began Then he father-to says, 'see, O father,
 mī-na av'rī var'sā tsāk'rī kēli, tudzī sabad kadun nay mōr'lā,
me-by so-many years service was-done, thy word ever not was-broken,
 tarī-pan tū mā-nā kadun-tarī bhāgyā-sīnga baisun khusī-śī
still (by-)thee me-to ever-even friends-with having-sat pleasur-e-with
 bōkar khāvā-lā nay dilās, na jvā tujvā sōk'ryān tudzā dhan
a-goat to-eat not was-given, and which thy son-by thy wealth
 nāsīlā tō gharā āy'lā tvā-tō tū av'rā mōtā jēvan kartēs'
was-wasted he to-house came therefore thou so great a-feast makest'
 Tadā bāpus dzāp'lā, 'rōy, atē bag, tū dzak'lā tēp mādžē-mērē
Then the-father said, 'O, here look, thou all time of-me-with
 astēs, tadā mājhvā-mērē hāy tē tudzā-ts Pan tudzī bhūs
art, then of-me-with is that thine-alone But thy brother
 melatā, tō bidzun jūtā dzhāy'lā, na bhās'lātā, tō lāb'lā
was-dead, he again alive became, and was-lost, he was-obtained
 Tyā-tō ādz haus na maudz karāvā-chī'
Therefore to-day gaiety and merriment is-to-be-made.'

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MARĀTHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KŌLĪ DIALECT

(STATE JANJIRA)

SPECIMEN II

एक कुलवी आपल्या मरणाचे येली आपल्या समद्या सोक्यास जवळ वारून त्यास बोललो, बालानो, मांजे जवळ तुमाला देयाला मांज्या सेता-सिवाय विसरे काय नाय। आनी त्या सेताचे मिनी तुमाना सगल्यांना सारकी वारस केले हातीन। माजे जवळी जी काय संपाती हाय ती सगली मिनी त्या सेतात पुरलेली हाय। ती खनली ते तुमाला गवेल। असा बोललो आनी त्यानी आपला परान सोरला। मग ते सोकरे पावडी कुदली भोजन त्या सेतातला धावत जेले, आन दरवे करता सेत खनायला लागले। त्यानसी ते सगला सेत खनला। त्यातला त्याला दरवे कयाँच गवला नाय। तवा त्याना वाईट वाटला आन ते घरा जेले। मग त्यानी त्या सेतातला भात पेरला। तवाँ ती जमीन चकोट खनल्या-मुले त्या वरसी त्या सेतातला वर्सा पच्ची भात मोप ऐला। तवाँ ते सोकरे बोलले, आपल्या बाबानी सेतातला दरवे पुरून ठेवला हाय ते आपून त्याची चकोट मेनत करावी म्हणून शानी सांगला आसवा, व त्या परमान आपल्यास त्याच फल गावला ॥

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SPECIMEN II

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēk	kul bi	ap'lvā	mar'nā-tsē	yēli	āp'lyā	sam'dyā	sōk'ryās
One	husbandman	his own	death of	at-time	his-own	all	sons
dzaval	vārūn	tyās	bōl'lō,	'bālānō,	māndzē-dzaval	tumā-lā	dēvā-lā
near	having-called	to-them	said,	'O-sons,	me-of-near	you-to	give-to
mañgvā	sētā-sivāy	bis'rē	kāy	nāy	Āni	tyā	sētā-tsē
my	farm-except	another	anything	is-not	And	that	farm of
tumī-nī	sag'lyā-nā	sār'hē	vāras	kēlē-hātin	Māndzē-dzav'li	jī	kāy
you to	all-to	equal	heirs	made-are	Of-me-near	which	any
sampāti	hāv	tī	sag'li	mi-nī	tyā	sētāt	pur'lōli-hāy
wealth	is	that	all	me by	that	in-farm	buried is
That (wealth)							
khan'li,	tē	tumā-lā	gavēl'	Asā	bōl'lō,	āni	tyā-nī
if dug,	then	you-to	will-be-found'	So	he-spoke,	and	him-by
his own							
parin	sōr'lā	Mang	tē	sōk'rē	pāv'di	ikhud'li	jhēun
life	was-left	Then	those	sons	spades	picksaxes	having-taken
that							
setāt-lā	dhāvat	jēlē,	ān	dar'bē-kartā	sēt	khanāy-lā	lāg'lē
farm-to	running	went,	and	wealth-for	the-farm	dug-to	they-began
Tvān-sī	tē	sag'lā	sēt	khan'lā	Tyāt-lā	tyā-lā	dar'bē
Them-by	that	whole	farm	was-dug	In-that	them-to	wealth
anywhere							
gar'lā	niv	Tavā	tyā-nā	vūt	vāt'lā	ān	tē
was-found	not	Then	them-to	dejection	occurred	and	they
to-home							
jī	Mang	tvā-nī	tyā	sētāt-lā	bhāt	pēr'lā	Tavā
went	Then	them-by	that	in-the-farm	rice	was-sown	Then
that							
dzavān	tsakōt	khan'lyā-mulē	tyā	var'sī	tyā	sētāt-lā	varsā
land	well	by-being	dug	that	in-year	that	in-the-farm
(preceding)							years
pakshi	bhāt	mōp	ailā	Tavā	tē	sōk'rē	bōl'lē,
than	rice-crop	much	came	Then	those	sons	said,
'our-own							
bāhī-nī	sētāt-lā	dar'be	purua	thēv'lā-hāy	tē	āpūn	
father-by	in-the-farm	wealth	having-buried	kept-is	that	by-us	

tyā-chī tsakōṭ mēnat karāvī mhanūn-sānī sāng¹lā-ās¹vā, va
that-of good labour should-be made therefore told-might-have-been, and
 tvā-par¹mān - āp¹lvās tyā-tsa phal gāv¹lā '
accordingly to-us that-of frust is-got '

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

A certain husbandman at the time of his death called all his sons to his death-bed and thus addressed them — 'Dear sons, I have nothing to give you except my farm, of which I have made you all joint heirs. Whatever money I had I have buried in the farm, and if you will dig for it you will have it.' With this he breathed his last. Afterwards his sons went to the farm in the hope of getting the buried treasure. They in this way dug up the whole farm, but did not discover the treasure anywhere. Afterwards they sowed corn in the farm, and as the earth was well turned up, the crops that year were very prosperous and far surpassed those of the preceding years. The sons then said among themselves, 'Our father must have told us that his treasure was buried in the field simply in order that we should labour hard in it, and accordingly we have reaped the fruit.'

MARATHI.

KONKAN STANDARD

SPECIMEN III.

From Francisco Vas de Guimaraens' Purān

Aikūli vārtā missā-chī
(If-)was-heard word mass-of
 Kā barā kartē āmān-tsē gardzē ?
That good does our to-need ?
 Tyā-tō Par'mēśor sarau dētē
That-for God all gives
 Tumī missa aikā, Par'mēśor pāvtil
You mass hear, God will-be-found

Ekē nag'rā-na hōtē dōn dōsata ;
One town-in were two friends ,
 Eka missa aikē sadā,
One mass heard alicays,

Bidzā naiśē karita missā-chī paruā
The-other not-was doing mass-of care
 Bagā tyā-lā kā vitsalā(?)
See him-to what happened

Dōganay sadā dzāta hāsata pār'dē
Both alicays going were to-hunting

Ekē disā gēlē ranāna
One day they-went to-the-wood
 Taī bagā kā vitsalā tyā-nā.
Then see what happened them-to
 Aikūn hōāl hairān.
Having-heard you-will-become amazed

Ranān pāūn dzailvā hōtvā nau garyā
In-the-wood having-arrived become had nine ghadiś

Thēpa gimā-tsā hōtā
Season summer-of was
 Dzaulā dhāū lāgalī tadānā,
Clouds to-fly began then,

Vindza vārā gurgurātha ānī mētha parlā
Lightning wind thunder and darkness fell

Ekā ekā	vindza	dzalkali	dzōrā-śī,			
One by one	lightning	flashed	force-with,			
Gurgurātha	mōtha	dzailā,				
Thundering	big	became,				
Ābā-var-śī	aīsā	bōl	aikilā,			
Sky in-from	such	word	was-heard,			
Mār, mār	turuta	dzō	missa	aikē	nāy	
Kill, kill	quickly	who	mass	heard	not	
Tyā	garō	vindza	par'li	jjā-var		
That	moment	lightning	fell	whom-on		
Missa	naśē	aikata,	tyā-ohi	kēli	iākari	
Mass	not-was	hearing,	him-of	were-made	ashes	
Magatūn	vindza	dzalkali,	tari			
Again	lightning	flashed,	but			
Bōli	bijī	aikili	bari			
Word	other	was-heard	mighty			
Mārū	nokō	dzō	missa	aikatē,		
To-kill	not-proper	who	mass	hears,		
Bachāsa	tyā-lā	Kā ?	Kuśi	kar'tē		
Spare	him.	Why ?	Will	does		
Par'mēśorā-chi	āñ	mānitē				
God-of	and	obeys				
Sudētsaiā-śī(?)						
Properly						

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

What good will it do us in our want to hear the mass ? On that account God will give us all Therefore, hear the mass and you will find God

In one town there lived two friends One of them always heard the mass, but the other did not care for it See what happened to him

Both were wont to go out to hunt One day they had gone to the wood See what befell them When you hear it you will be amazed

Nine *ghadis* had elapsed since they came to the forest It was the season of summer Clouds then began to fly, lightning, wind, thunder and darkness came on

Flash after flash blazed with force, and the thunder became mighty Then a voice was heard from the sky saying, 'Kill, kill quickly him who does not hear the mass'

That instant the lightning struck him who was not wont to hear the mass Again there was a flash of lightning, but another mighty voice was heard —

'Do not kill him who hears the mass Spare him, because he performs the will of God and obeys it properly'

The specimens printed above illustrate the chief peculiarities of the Konkani Standard of Marāthī. It has already been stated that the language of all the coast districts from Daman to Rajapur is essentially the same, the Western Ghats separating this form of speech from the Marāthī of the Dekhan. It will now be necessary to examine all the so-called dialects of the coast districts, in order to show that they are in reality only local forms of the Konkani Standard.

KŌLĪ

Two specimens of the so-called Kōlī dialect have been printed above. The first is a specimen of the dialect as spoken on the coast of Thana and in Kolaba, the second has been received from Janjira.

Two other specimens representing the dialect of various classes of Kōlīs, have been received from Thana. The first has been taken down among the so-called Machhimāri, i.e., fisher, Kōlīs on the coast. The second is in the dialect of the so-called Mahādēv Kōlīs, a sub-division of the hill Kōlīs.

The dialect of the Machhimāri Kōlīs is, in all essential points, identical with that illustrated in the preceding pages.

There is a very strong tendency towards a nasal pronunciation of vowels, just as is the case in Kōnkanī. Thus we find *tō̃* and *tō̃*, he, *tē̃* and *tē̃*, they, *hātā̃*, he was.

Ū and *ũ* are often substituted for *ō* and *õ*, thus, *hātũ*, I was.

L and *n* are interchangeable. Thus, *nāmb*, fat, *nāg'lā*, he began.

N is substituted for *r* in *nōtī*, bread, *nāg*, anger.

There is only one *s*-sound, the dental *s* being used instead of the palatal and cerebral ones. Thus, *dēs*, country, *dzā̃v-sī*, having gone. The latter form corresponds to Standard *dzā̃v-sī*. Compare also *dzā̃n* instead of *dzā̃n*, I shall go.

Note finally forms such as *mī*, *mē*, and *mē̃*, I, by me, *tũ*, thou, by thee, *hātā̃*, they are, etc.

For further details the specimen which follows should be consulted.

[No 11]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

MACHHIMARI KŌI DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

Kōnē-ckē m'm'li-lī dōn sok'rē hūte Tvām-tsā dhāk'la sōk'rā
 Some-one mau-to tico sons were Them-of the-younger sou
 bāp'is-lī bōlū nāg'la, 'hīpī, dzo mal'mattē-tsā vāṭi ma-nā dēvā-
 the-father-to to-say began, 'father, which property-of share me-to giving-
 tsā tō dē' Mang tva-nī ap'li sampatti vātūn dillī Mang
 of that are' Then him-by his property having-divided was-given Then
 thōrvā dīsā-nī dhik'lā sōk'rā sag'li jam'ūn dush' dēsā-lā
 few days-in the-younger sou all having-gathered another country-to
 gclī Anī tāt'hē ud'lay karun ap'li dav'lat udālī
 went And there riotousness having-made his property was-squandered
 Mang tva-nī tāt'hē sag'lā kharchihā-var tāt'hē mhotā dukāl par'lā Tāva
 Then him-by there all squandered-on there big famine arose Then
 tvā-lā ar tsan parū nāg'li Tāva tō tvā dēsān-tsē ūkā mūn'sā-tsē
 him-to difficulty to-fall began Then he that country-of one man-of
 mērc dziv-sī hūti Tvā-nū tva-la duk'rā tsar'vāṭā ap'lē sētān
 near having-gone stayed Him-by him-to some to-feed his in-field
 pātrilī Tīva duk'rā jī tar'phal khāt hūti, tvā-vai ap'la pōt
 it-was-sent Then some which hushs eating were, that-on his belly
 bharivā asī tvā-lī vāt'lā Anī tvā-lā kōnī kāy
 should-be-filled so him-to it-appeared And him-to by-anybody anything
 dillā nāv Mang to sudi-var ay'la, anī bōlū nāg'lā, 'mādzhō bāpā-
 was-given not Then he sense-on came, and to-say began, 'my father-
 tsē kar'rē tsāk'ra-nā khub nōṭi hāv, anī mē bhukē-nē martāy
 of how-many servants to much bread is, and I hunger-with am-dying
 Mē utūn māndze bāpā-tsē avē dzān anī tva-lā bōlēn, "yā
 I having-arisen my father-of near will-go and him-to will-say, "O
 bāpī, mī dēvā-tsē virādā anī tudzhē purā pāp
 father, by-me God-of against and thy before sin
 kclī hīv Atā pāsūn tudzhā poi mhanāyās mē yōgē nāy Ap'lē ēkō
 done is Now from thy child to-say I worthy not Your one
 mōlākaryā-sār'khā ma-nā thēv " Mang tō uṭhūn ap'lē bāpā-tsē
 servant-like me keep " Then he having-arisen his father-of

āyē gēlā Tāva tō dūr hāy, avarā-nā tyā-tsā bāpūs tyā-lā baghūn
near went Then he far is, that-much-in his father him-to having-seen
 kal'vallā, anī tyā-nā dhāūn tyā-tsē galyān muthi ghāt'li anī
was-moved, and him-by having-run his neck-on embracing was-put and
 tyā-tsa chumban ghēt'lā Mag-sī pōrā-nā tyā-lā bōl'lā, 'bāpā,
his kiss was-taken Afterwards the-son-by him-to it-was-said, 'father,
 Dēvā-chyā virūdā anī tudzē purā mī pāp kēlā hāy Anī atā
God-of against and thy before by-me sin done is And now
 pāsūn tudzā sōk'rā mhanāyās mī yōgē nāy' Pan bāpā-nā tsāk'rās
from thy child to-say I fit not' But the-father-by to-servants
 sāngit'lā, 'phakkar dzhagā ānūn yā-lā ghāl, anī tyā-tsē
it-was-said, 'good cloth having-brought this-to put, and his
 hātāt āng'ti anī pāvāt dzōrē ghāl Mag-sī apū khāūn hars
hand-on ring and foot-on shoes put Afterwards we having-eaten joy
 karū Kāran hā mādzhā sōk'rā mēlā hūṭā, tō phirūn jīvant
let-make Reason this my son dead was, he again alive
 dzhay'lā; anī gamār'lā hūṭā, tō millā hāy' Tāva tē hars karū
became, and lost was, he found is' Then they joy to-make
 lāg'lē
began

Tāva tvā-tsā mōthā sōk'rā sētān hūṭā Tō yēūn gharā-tsē
Then his big son in-field was He having-come house-of
 mēre pōṭsalvā-var tvā-nā vādē va nāts aḥilā Tāva tsāk'rātīl
near coming-on him-by music and dancing was-heard Then servants-in-from
 ēk'lyā-lā vharūn nīm'gilā, 'yē hāy' Tvā-nā tyā-lā sāngit'lā
one-to having-called it-was-asked, 'this what?' Him-by him-to it-was-said
 kī, 'tudzhā bhāūs ay'lā hāy Anī tō tudzhē bāpās-lā millā, mangūn
that, 'thy brother come is And he thy father-to was-met, therefore
 tyā-nā mōthā jēvan kēlāy' Tāva tyā-lā nāg yēūn āt
him-by big feast is-made' Then him-to anger having-come inside
 dzāy-nā Mangūn tvā-tsā bāpūs bhār yēūn tyās sam'dzāvū
would-not-go Therefore his father outside having-come him to-entreat
 nīg'lā Pan tyā-nā bāpās-lā uttar dilla kī, 'bagay, ar'ī
began But him-by the-father-to answer was-given that, 'lo, so-many
 varsā tuji tsāk'rī kar'tāy, anī tuji adnyā mē kāvā-hi mōr'li
years thy service I-am-doing, and thy order by-me ever-even was-broken
 nāy Tarī mē āp'lē mītrā-barōbar khusāli karāvi māngūn
not Still by-me my friends-with me-inment should-be-made therefore
 tū ma-nā hāvā-hi kar'dū dillās nāy Anī jyā-nā tuji
by-thee me-to ever-even a-kid was-given-by-thee not And whom-by thy
 sampatti has'bini barōbar khāṣi tāk'li, tō tudzā sōk'rā ay'lā,
property harlots with having-eaten was-thrown, he thy son came,

tāva tū tvā-tsē kar'tā mō'hū jēvan kēlās hās ' Tāva
 then by-thee his sake-for big feast made-by-thee is-by-thee' Then
 tvā-nū tyā-lī śingit'lā, 'pōrā, tū jyūri māndzē mērē hās, anī māji
 him-by him-to it-was-said, 'son, thou always my near art, and my
 sag'li mil'mattī tujī-ts hāy Pan hars anī ānand karāvā, hē
 all property thine-only is But joy and happiness should-be-made, this
 rōgē hūta Kāran kī hā tudzā bhāus mēlā hūta, tō phirūn jivant
 proper was Reason that this thy brother dead was, he again alive
 dhar'li hāy, anī gamā'li hūta, tō millā hāy '
 become is, and lost was, he found is'

The dialect of the Mahādēv Kōjī is, like other dialects spoken in the eastern part of Thanā, more closely related to the Marāṭhī of the Dekhan than is the case on the coast. Thus the cerebral *d* and the corobral *l* are used as in the Dekhan. Compare *pad'lā*, fell, *du'lāl*, famine. The present tense is also formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī mā' tō*, I die. Characteristic forms are *māhā*, my, *tu'hā*, thy, *tyāsā*, oblique *tyāsā*, his. The form *dōghā-lī*, to both, contains a dative suffix *lī* which corresponds to *lē* in Khindī. The usual suffix is, however, *lā*, thus, *manuṣhā-lā*, to a man. In most particulars this dialect is the same as that illustrated in the preceding pages, as will be seen from the short specimen which follows.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

MAHĀDĒV KŌJĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANĀ)

Kōnū	yōhā	manuṣhā-lā	dōn	lyok	vata	Tyāt'lā	dhāk'tā	lyok
Some	one	man-to	two	sous	were	Them-among	the-younger	son
mhangālā,	'bī,	dzō	ishtakī-tsā	hīsā	mā-lā	yāy-tsā	tō	māhā
said,	'father,	which	property-of	share	me-to	is-to-come	that	mine
mā-lā	dē'	Mang	tyāsā	bā-nū	tyēn-lā	dōghā-lī	sam'da	dirib
me-to	give'	Then	his	father-by	them-to	both-to	all	wealth
vātūn	dila	Mang	thōdyā-ts	disāt	dhāk'lā	putur	sam'da	
having-divided	was-given	Then	few	in-days	the-younger	son	all	
gōlā	karūn	lāmb	mul'āt	gyōlā,	ān	titha	udhalyāpanān	
together	having-made	far	to-county	went,	and	there	restlessness-with	
vāgūn	āp'li	sam'dī	daulat	gamāv'li	Mang	tyā-nū	av'gha	
having-behaved	his	all	property	was-spent	Then	him-by	all	

kharas'tyā-var tyā mul'kāt mōthā dukāl pad'lā Tyā-muḷa tyā-lā
being-spent-after that in-country great famine fell Therefore him-to
 lai ād'tsan padū lāg'li Tavā tō tyā mul'kāt yōhā girastā-dzaval
great distress to-fall began Then he that in-country one householder-near
 dzaūn rāy'lā Tyā-nā tyā-lā śēr'da tsārāy-lā rānāt lāv'la
having-gone stayed Him-by him goats to-tend in-wood it-was-applied
 Tavā śēr'da dzhād-pālā khāt tō-ts khāūn āpun dis
Then goats husks used-to-eat that-even having-eaten himself-by days
 kādhāva, asa tyā-lā vāt'la
should-be-passed, so him-to it-appeared

DIALECT OF THE KŌNKANĪ MUSALMĀNS OF THANA

Kōnkanī Musalmāns are residents of the larger villages of all talukas in Thana, but chiefly of Salsette, Kalyān, and Bhiwndī. No estimates are available regarding their number.

Their dialect contains a considerable amount of Hindōstānī words. Thus, *āsmān*, heaven, *baīḥ*, sit, *bachyā*, a child, *mil'kat*, property, etc. The masculine and neuter genders are often confounded, compare *sag'lā*, all. In all essentials, however, it closely agrees with the current language of the district, as will be seen from the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

[No. 13.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KONKANĪ MUHAMMADAN DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA.)

Kan'ohyā	ĕkā	mān'sā-lā	dōn	sōk'rō	hōtē	Tyān-sī	dhāk'lā
Some	one	man-to	two	sous	were	Then-from	the-younger
bāpās-lā	bōl'lā,	'bābā,	ḍō	mul'katī-tsā	vāṇṭā	ma-nā	yēvā-tsā tō
the-father-to	said,	'father,	what	property-of	share	me-to	to-come that
dē'	Mang	tvā-nī	tyā-lā	mul'kat	vāṇṭūn	dillī	
give'	Then	him-by	him-to	the-property	having-divided	was-given	
Mang	thōryā	disā-sī	dhāk'lā	sōk'rā	sag'lā	jamā	karūn
Then	a-few	days-after	the-younger	son	all	together	having-made
lāmb'chvā	mul'khā-lā	gēlā,	ānī	tavār	udh'ēpanā-sī	tsālūn	āp'li
distant	country-to	went,	and	there	riotousness-with	having-lived	his-own
mul'kat	urav'li		Mang	tyā-nīn	sag'lā	karats'lē-var	tyā
property	was-squandered		Then	him-by	all	spent-was-after	that
mul'khāt	mōthā	dukāl	pad'lā	Tyā-sabab	tyā-la	ar'tsan	parā-li
in-country	great	famine	fell	That-reason	him-to	difficulty	to-fall
lāg'li	Tavān	tō	tvā	mul'khān	ĕkā	mān'sā-chyā	najik ḍzāūn
began	Then	he	that	in-country	one	man-of	near having-gone
rhēlā	Tyā-nī	tavā	tyā-lā	duk'rān	tsārā-lā	āp'lyā	mul'khā-lā dhār'lā
lived	Him-by	then	him	some	to-fed	his-own	country-to was-sent
Tāvān	duk'rān	jī	ṭar'phalū	khāt	asat,	tyā-var	tyān-nīn āp'lā
Then	some	what	husks	eating	are,	that-on	him-by his-own
pōt	bharāvī,	aisā	tyā-chyā	dilān	ailā	Ānī	konī
belly	should-be-filled,	thus	his	in-mind	came	And	by-anybody
tyā-lā	kai	dillā	nāy				
him-to	anything	was-given	not				

KIRISTĀV.

The dialect of the native Catholic Christians of Thana is usually called Kiristāv by the Hindūs and Musalmāns. It has adopted some Portuguese words, such as *pāy*, father, *māy*, mother, *mis*, mass, *igār*, vicar, *padrōn*, god-father, *madrōn*, god-mother. Note also the use of the English word *estē*, estate. The cerebral *n* is often written as in the Dekhan, thus, *mān'sā-tsē*, of a man, but also *mānus*, a man. Note also forms such as *bōt'lā*, he said, *askat'lā*, it was heard, which are not, however, unknown in the other dialects of the district.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will be sufficient to show that Kīristāv is nothing else than the usual Marāthī of the district. It has not been thought necessary to add an interlinear translation.

[No. 14]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KIRISTĀV DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

Ekē mān'sā-tsē dōn sōkrē hōtē Trā-man-tsā dhāk'lā āplē bāp's-lā bōt'lā, 'pāy, is'tētūn-tsā dzō hīsā māndzhē vāntvā-lā yēl, tō mā-lā dyā' Mangā tyādzūn āplē sag'lē is'tētū-tsā va daulatī-tsā vāntā karūn dūlā Mangā thōrē dīsā-sī dhāk'lā sōkrā sag'lā dzamā karūn lāmb bēn-tsē gāvān gālā

KUN'BI.

It has already been stated that the Kun'bis everywhere speak the language of their neighbours. Specimens have been received from Bombay, Thana, Janjira, and Poona. The specimens received from Bombay and Janjira do not call for any remark. They closely agree with the current language of the district. The same is the case with the Thana specimen. The present tense is here, however, formed as in the Dekhan. Thus, *mī mār'tō*, I strike. The verb substantive is written *hāyē*, he is, and so on. Thus is probably only another way of spelling the common form *hāv*.

The Poona specimen also represents the same form of speech. There are, however, some traces of the influence of the current Marāthī of Poona. Thus, *d* is preserved after vowels, and the cerebral *l* is of frequent occurrence. Compare *ghōdā*, a horse, *dvālā*, an eve. The present tense is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī d-ātō*, I go, *tū d-ātōs*, thou goest, and so on. The base of the dialect is, however, clearly of the same kind as the Marāthī of the Konkan.

The specimens which follow will be sufficient to show that Kun'bi is not a separate dialect, but merely the usual Konkan Standard, with local variations.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KUNBI DIALECT

(BOMBAY)

SPECIMEN I.

येकी मानसाला दोन पूत होते । त्यानचा धाकला पूत आपले पायसला वोटला, पाय मजा धनाचा वाँटा माना द्यास । तवाँ त्याच्या पायसजून धन वाँटिलें । तवाँ घोऱ्या टेंपार्शी धाकल्या पुतान त्याचे वाँव्याला जवरँ आलें-तँ तवरँ जकलें येँगालिलें न गाँवाच्या गेला न तयँ रेला, न त्याचे मेरे जवरँ होतँ नोतँ तवरँ जकलें भासविलें । घोऱ्या टेंपार्शी त्या गाँवास मोटा दुकाल परला । त्याचे मेरे अर्दी पुन नोती, नी त्या तो खावाचे हाल होँव लागले । मगशी तो तनचेच एकी सावकाराचे घरा गेला त्याजून त्याचे पाय धेले । तवाँ त्या सावकारान घ्याला शेतान डुकराँ चारावा धारलें । डुकराँना जी भुशी खावाला मिले त्यामनची त्यानँ मोऱ्या खुशीशी खालली असती पुन त्याला कोन काय देयना । तवाँ त्याला मुद आयली ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KUN'BI DIALECT

(BOMBAY)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Yekê mân'sâ-lâ dôn pût hôtê Tyân-tsâ dhāk'lâ pût āplc
A-certain man-to two sons were Them-of the-younger son his-own
 pāvas-lâ bōt'lâ, 'pāy, mādzâ dhanâ-tsâ vātū mā-nā dyās ' Tavā tyā-chyā
father-to spoke, 'father, my wealth-of share me-to give' Then his
 pāyas-dzūn dhan vātulā Tavā thōryā tēmpā-sī dhāk'lyā
father-by the-wealth was-divided Then a-little time-after the-younger
 putān, tyā-tsē vātū-lā dzav'rā ālā-tā, tav'rā dzak'lā yēngāhlā
son-by, his share to whatever had-come, that all was-collected-together
 na gāvātyā gēlā na tavā rēlā, na tyā-tsō mērē
and to another-village went and there remained, and him-of near
 dzav'rā hōtā-nōtā tav'rā dzak'lā bhās'vālā Thōryā tēmpā-sī
whatever was-and-was-not that all was-squandered A-little time-after
 tvā gāvās mōtā dukāl par'lā Tyā-tsē mērē ardi-pun nōtī, nī
that to village a-great famine fell Him-of with a-pie-even was-not, and
 tvā-tō khāvā-tsē hāl hōva lāg'lē Mang-sī tō tan-tsē-ts
therefore (his)-eating-of trouble to-be began Then he of-the-same-place
 ēkē sāv'kārā-tsē gharā gēlā, tyā-dzūn tyā-tsē pāy dhelē Tavā tyā
one rich-man-of to-the-house went, him-by his feet were-held Then that
 sāv'kārān hyā-lā śētān duk'rā tsārāvā dhār'lā Duk'rā-nā
rich-man-by this-to in-the-field some to-graze it-was-sent. The-swine-to
 jī bhuśī khāvā-lā mlē tyā-man-chī tyā-nā mōtyā khusī-sī khāl'li
which hush to-eat was-got that in-of him-by great delight-with eaten
 as'tī, pun tyā-lā kōn kāy dēy-nā Tavā tvā-lā
would-have-been, but him to anybody anything would-not-give Then him-to
 sud āy'li
sense came

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KUN⁴BĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

SPECIMEN II.

कोनी येका गिरस्ताला दोन सोकरे होते। त्यामनचा धाकला बापसाला
 वोतला, बा जो काय इष्टकिचा वाटा मला दियाचा तो दे। मंग त्या
 गिरस्तांनी आपली इष्टक वाटून दिली। मोर थोरक्या दिसांनी धाकल्या
 पोरांनी जकलें जमवून मोप दूरच्या देशाला जेला, आन तिकरें उधलपना
 करून आपली जकली इष्टक खपवली। पर त्यानँ समद खरचल्या-वर त्या
 मुलखाला मोटा दुकोल परला। तवा त्याला भारी फिकीर परली। तवा तो
 त्या मुलखाच्या येका गिरस्ता-करँ जाऊन रेला। त्यानीं तर त्याला डुकरँ
 चरायला भेऊन आपल्या सेता-वर धारलँ ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnī	yēkā	gīrastā-lā	dōn	sōk'rē	hōtē	Tyā-man-tsā	dhāk'lā
<i>Certain</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>householder-to</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>Them-from-of</i>	<i>the-younger</i>
bāp'sā-lā	bōt'lā,	'bā,	dzō-kāy	ishṭakī-tsā	vātā	ma-lā	diyātsā
<i>the-father-to</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>whatever</i>	<i>the-estate-of</i>	<i>share</i>	<i>me-to</i>	<i>to-be-given</i>
tō 'dē'	Mang	tyā	gīrastā-nī	āp'li	ishṭak	vātūn	dīli.
<i>that give'</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>householder-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>estate</i>	<i>having-divided</i>	<i>was-given</i>
Mōra	thōr'kyā-disā-nī	dhāk'lyā	pōrā-nī	dzak'lā	dzam'vūn	mōp	
<i>Then</i>	<i>after-a-few-days</i>	<i>the younger</i>	<i>son-by</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>having-gathered</i>	<i>very</i>	
dūr'ohyā	dēsā-lā	jēlā,	ān	tak'rā	udhalpanā-karūn	āp'li	
<i>distant</i>	<i>country-to</i>	<i>went,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>spendthriftness-through</i>	<i>his own</i>	
dzak'li	ishṭak	khapav'li	Par	tyā-nā	sam'da	kharate'lyā-var	tyā
<i>all</i>	<i>estate</i>	<i>was-squandered</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>being spent-after</i>	<i>that</i>
mul'khā-lā	mōtā	dukōl	par'lā.	Tavā	tyā-lā	bhāri	phukir
<i>country-to</i>	<i>great</i>	<i>famine</i>	<i>fell</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>great</i>	<i>anxiety</i>
tyā	mul'khā-ohyā	yēkā	gīrastā-karā	dzāūn	rēlā	Tyā-nī	tar
<i>that</i>	<i>country of</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>householder-to</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>stayed</i>	<i>Him-by</i>	<i>then</i>
tyā-lā	duk'rā	tsarāy-lā	dzhēūn	āp'lyā	sētā-var	dhār'lā.	
<i>him-to</i>	<i>swine</i>	<i>to-graze</i>	<i>having-taken</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>field-to (on)</i>	<i>it-was-sent</i>	

[No 17.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KUN'BI DIALECT

(JANJIRA STATE)

SPECIMEN III

A FOLK-TALE

एक रांड-मुडचा पोर होता, त्याला एक वय होती। ती राज्या-कर दला कांडा कराया जात आस। ततना ती कोंडा-मुड्डा घेऊन ये। तवाँ त्या रांड मुंडच्या पोराच्या दोन गाया होत्या। तवाँ एक तला होता। त्या तल्या-वर तो गाया चरवीत आस। तवाँ त्याची वय त्या तल्या-वर भाकर तुकडा त्या पोर-साठना घेऊन ये। तवाँ त्या पोराच्या राखनात राजान आपली गाय देली। तवाँ तो पोर तल्याच्या पारी-वर आपली भाकरी वसून खाताय तवाँ एक नांगीन आनि एक आरदल्या या दोगाचा मेल लागला। तवाँ त्या पोरान त्या आरदल्या-वर काठी टाकलान। तवाँ काठी टाकल्या-वरोवर नागीन पातालांत गेली। ती पातालांत गेल्या-वरोवर तिचा वाप पातालांत व्हता। तवाँ ती त्यास आसी सागताय, रांड-मुडच्या पोरान मांझे-वर काठी टाकलान। तवाँ नाग दुसऱ्या सापास म्हंत, तुमी रांड-मुडच्या पोरस डसायला जा। तवाँ धीतना चार साप निंगाल आनि जित पोर व्हता तिथ आल, आनि त्याच्या वाठल भाल। तवाँ त्या पोरान चार पानाच चार दुरून लावलान आन एक गाय चार दुरना-मंदी पाललान। आन ते चार दुरून चार सापाच्या तोंडांत वतलान। तवाँ साप त्याला सागतात, तुला नांगानी वीलवना केलाय। तू गेल्या-वरोवर नाग तुला हाटकील की, नागनीनी कसी-काय येवस्ता कीली, ताँ साग। तो तुला धन दौलत देल। तवाँ तू म्हन, मना तुमची धन दौलत नको। तुमच्या हाती आगठी हाय ती मना द्या। मंग त्या नागान त्या लेकीचा सात पाट काडून भुड्या गाडवा-वर वसवलान, आनि तिची धींड गावातना काडलान आनि तिला हाकलून लावलान ॥

[No 17.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

KONKAN STANDARD

KUNBI DIALECT

(JANJIRA STATE)

SPECIMEN III

A FOLK-TALE

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ek rānda-munda-tsi pūr hōti, trā-li ek bay hōti Tī rājyā-kara
 One poor-widow-of son was, him-to one mother was She a-king-to
 dalā kāndi karivā dzāt āsa. Tat-nī tī kōndā-mundā
 grinding husking to-male going was From-there she husk-etc,
 ghūn vī Tavā tyā rānda-munda chvā pūrā-chvā dōn
 having-taken used-to-come Then that poor-widow-of the-boy-of two
 givā hōti. Tavā ek talā hōti Tyā talvā-vaī tō gāvā tsarvit
 cows were Then one tank there-was That tank-on he cows grazing
 āsa Tavā trā-chi bay tyā talvā-vaī bhīkar-tukdā trā pūrā-sātnā
 was Then his mother that tank-on bread-(of)-piece that boy-for
 ghūn yī Tavā trī pūrī-chvā rākhnāt rājān āpli
 having-taken used-to-come Then that boy-of in-keeping the-king-by his-own
 gāv deli Tavā tō pūr talvā-chvā pūrī-vaī āpli bhākri
 cow was-given Then that boy the-tank-of the-bank-on his-own bread
 basūn khātīy tavā ek nāngin īni ek ārdalyā, yā dōgā-tsā
 sitting is-eating then one she-cobra and one a-dala, these both-of
 mēl lāglā Tavā tyā pūrīn tyā ārdalyā-vaī kāthī tāklān
 union began Then that boy-by that ardala-on stick was-thrown
 Tavā kāthī tik'lyā barōbar nāngin pātālāt gēli
 Then stick being-thrown-immediately-after the-she-cobra the-nether-region-in went
 Tī pātālāt gēlyā-barōbai tī-tsā bāp pātālāt
 She the-nether-region-in went-immediately-after her father the-nether-region-in
 vbatī Tavā tī tyīs āsī sāng'tāv, 'rānda-munda-chvā pūrā-na māndzhē-var
 was Then she to-him so tells, 'the-poor-widow-of boy-by me-on
 kāthī tāklān Tavā nāng dūstryī sūpās mhanta, 'tumi
 a-stick was-thrown Then the-cobra other to-serpents says, 'you
 rānda-munda-chvā pūrās dasīy-lā dzā' Tavā thit-nā chvār sūp
 the-poor-widow-of to-the-son bite-to go' Then the-from four serpents

ningāla āni jita pōr vhatī titha āla, āni tvā-chvā vātala
set-out and where the-boy was there came, and him-of around
 dzhāla Tavā tvā pōrān chyār pānā-tsa chyār durūn lāv-lān an
became Then that boy-by four leaves-of four cups were-made and
 ēk gāy chyār dur'nā-mandī pīdz'lān in tē chyār durūn chyār
one cow four cups-in was-milked and those four cups four
 sāpā-chyā tōndāt vat'lān Tavā sāp tyā-lā sāng'tāt,
serpents-of in-the-months were-poured Then the-serpents him-to tell,
 'tu-lā nāngā-nī hōlav'nā kēlāv Tū gūlvā-barōbar nāng
'thee-to the-cobra-by invitation is-made Thou going-immediately-after the-cobra
 tu-lā hāt'kil ki, "nāng'nī-nī kasī-kāy vīvastā kēli?"
thee-to will-ask that, "the-she-cobra-by how-what arrangement was-made?"
 tās sāng Tō tu-lā dhan-daulat dāl Tavā tū mhan, "ma-nā
that tell He thee-to wealth-riches will-give Then thou say, "to-me
 tum-chī dhan-daulat na-kō Tum-chyā hātī ing'thī hīy
your wealth-riches are-not-wanted Your on-the-hand a-ring is
 ti ma-nā dyā." Mang tvā nāng'in tvā līkī-tsī sāt pāt
that me-to give" Then that by-the-cobra that daughter-of seven lines
 kādūn bhundvā gād'vā-var basat'lān, āni ti-chī dhind
having-drawn shorn (of-its-ears) an-ass-on was-seated, and her procession
 gāvāt-nā kād'lān, āni ti-lā hāk'lūn lāv-lān
through-the-village was-drawn, and her-to having-driven it-was-sent

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

A poor widow had a son. She used to go to the king for husking and grinding corn, and thence she used to bring home husks and such other things. Her son had two cows. There was a tank, and by its bank he used to graze his cows, and his mother used to bring him a loaf of bread to the tank. And the king had put his cow in his charge. Once when the boy was sitting on the bank of the tank eating his bread, he happened to see the union of a she-cobra and an ardala (a kind of serpent). The boy struck the ardala with his stick and in a moment the cobra went down to the nether world. There she approached her father and complained to him that the widow's son had used his stick against her. Then her father ordered other serpents to go and bite the widow's son. Then four of them went where the boy was and encircled him. Then the boy prepared four leaf-cups and milking a cow, took the milk in four cups and emptied them in the jaws of the four serpents. At that time the serpents said to him, 'the serpent king has called you, when you go there the serpent king will ask what his daughter was about. Tell him so, and he will give you much wealth. Then you should say, "I do not want your wealth, but give me your finger ring"'. Thereupon the serpent king disfigured the head of his daughter by shaving it in seven places. Then he put her upon an ass shorn of its ears, and taking her all over the town at last sent her into exile.

[No 18]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KUN'BI DIALECT

(DISTRICT POONA)

SPECIMEN IV

कोना एका मनुष्याला दोन मुलगा व्हत। त्यातला धाकला बापासनी म्हंगाला, बाबा, जो जिनगानीचा वाटा माला यायचा त्यो दे। मग त्यानी त्याला जिनगानी वाटुन-शानी दिली। मग धोड्या दिसानी धाकला मुलगा सर्वे जमा करुन शानी दूर देशा-मंदी गेला, आन तिथ उधळपनानी राहून आपली जिनगानी उडवली। मंग त्यानी समट खरचल्या-वर त्या देशा-मंदी मोठा काळ पडला। त्या-मुळ त्याला आडचन पडू लागली। तक्का त्यो त्या देशा-मंदील एका गिरस्ता-प जाउन-शानी राह्यला। त्यानी तर त्याला डुकर चाराया आपल्या शेता-मंदी पाठवळ। तक्का डुकर जी ठरफल खात त्या-वर त्यानी आपल पोट भराव आस त्याला वाटल, आन कुनी त्याला काई वी दिल नाही ॥

[No 18]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KUN'BI DIALECT

(DISTRICT POONA)

SPECIMEN IV.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnā-ēkā manukṣā-lā dōn mul'ga vḥata Tvāt'lā dhāk'lā
Certain-a man to two sons were They-in-from the-younger
 bāpās-nī mhangālā, 'bābā, dzō jṃ'gānī-tsā vātī mī-lā vāv-tsā tvō
to-the-father said, 'father, what property-of share me-to to-come that
 dē' Mang tvā-nī tyā-lā jṃ'gānī vītun-śānī dīli Mang
you-give' Then him-by him-to the-property having-divided was-given Then
 thōdyā dīsā-nī dhāk'lā mul'gā sarvī dzamā karun-śānī dūr
a-few days-after the-younger son the-whole together having-made for
 dēśā-mandī gēlā, ān titha udhaḥ'panū-nī rāhūn ip'li jṃ'gānī
country-into went, and there riotousness-with having-lived his own property
 udav'li Mang tyā-nī sam'da kharats'lyā-var tyā dēśā-mandī mōthā
was-squandered Then him-by all was-spent-after that country-in great
 kāl pad'lā Tyā-mula tyā-lā id'tsan padū lāg'li, tavhā tyō
famine fell On-that-account him-to difficulty to-fall began, then he
 tyā dēśā-mandīl ēkā guastā-pa dzāun-śānī vāh'lā Tyā-nī tar tyā-lā
that country-in-of one householder-to having-gone lived Him-by then him-to
 duk'ra tsārāyā āp'lyā śētā-mandī pāthav'la Tavhā duk'ra jī tar'phala
swine to-feed his-own field-in it-was-sent Then the-swine which hushs
 khāt tyā-var tyā-nī āp'la pōt bharāva āsa tyā-lā
used-to-eat upon-that him-by his-own belly should-be-filled so him-to
 vāt'la, ān kunī tyā-lā kāi-bī dīla nāhī
thought, and anyone(-by) him-to anything was-given not

PAR'BHĪ

The dialect of the Prabhus has been returned under different names, such as Par'bhī, Kāvasthī, Damani, and the Bombay Dialect. The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which will be found below, has come from Daman and illustrates the common dialect of that district.

It will be seen that *n*, *l*, and *d* are used as in the Dekhan. Thus, *thōdē dīsān*, in a few days, *phāi dukāl pad'lā*, a great hunger arose. The present tense is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī mā'tō* or *mār'tāv*, I strike. The same is the case with the future in the first conjugation. Thus, *mī sāngēn*, I shall say.

In most particulars, however, the dialect of Daman agrees with that spoken in the south of Thana.

The dialect is said to use a great proportion of Gujarātī words, especially in the north. The specimen is, however, relatively free from such admixture. Note the form *dilhī*, was given. Compare Gujarātī *dih'li* and old Marāthī *dilh'li*.

[No 19]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

PAI 'BHĪ DIALECT

(DAMAN, DISTRICT THANA)

कोणी एक माणसाला दोन पोर होती । त्यानचा लाना वापाला वोलला ।
वावा, जो दौलतीचा भाग माला येयाचा तो दे । मग त्याजून त्याला
दौलत वाटून दिली । मग थोडे दिसान धाकटा पोर अस्की गोळा करून
दूर देसाला गेला, न तिकडे उधळपट्टी-करून अस्की दौलत घालवली । मग
त्याजून अस्की खरचल्या-वर ते देसान फार दुकाळ पडला । त्यासाठी त्याला
अडचण पडल्या लागली । तव तो ते देसानचे एके माणसा-जवळ जावून रायला ।
त्याजून ते त्याला डुकर चारव्याला त्याचे शेतान धाडला । तव डुकर जी
टरफल खात-असत त्याचे-वर त्याजून आपल पोटा भरव अस त्याला वाटलं, न
कोणी त्याला काय दिल नय ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōni-ek	mān'sā-lā	dōn	pōi	hōti	Trān-tsā	lānā	bāpā-lā
Some-one	man-to	two	children	were	Them-of	the younger	father-to
bōl'lā,	'bābā,	dzō	daulatī-tsā	bhāg	mā-lā	yēyā-tsā,	tō dē'
said,	'father,	which	property-of	part	me-to	coming-of,	that give' Then

tyā-dzūn tvā-lā daulat vāṭūn dūhī Mag thōdē disān
him-by him-to property having-divided was-given Then few in-days
 dhāk'tā pōi aska gōlā karūn dūr dēsā-lā gōlā, na
the-younger son all together having-made far country-to went, and
 tik'dē udhaḷ'pattī karūn askī daulat ghūlav'lī Mag tvā-dzūn
there spendthriftness having-done all property was-squandered Then him-by
 askā kharats'lyā-var tō dēsān phū dukāḷ pad'lā 'Tyāsāṭhī tyā-lā
all spent-after that in-country great famine fell Therefore him-to
 ad'tsan pad'vyā lāg'lī Tava tō tō dēsān-tsō ēkō mūn'sā-dzavaḷ
difficulty to-fall began Then he that in-country-of one man-near
 dzāvūn rāy'lā Tyā-dzūn tō tyā-lā duk'ra tsōr'vyā-lā tyā tsō śētān
having-gone stayed Him-by then him swine feed-to his in-field
 dhād'lā. Tava dukar jī tar'phal khāt-asat, tyā tsō-vai tyā dzūn āp'lā
was-sent Then swine what husks eating-were, them-on him-by his
 pōt bharnvā asa tyā-lā vāt'lā, na kōnī tvā-lā
belly should-be-filled thus him-to it-appeared, and (by-)anybody him-to
 kāy dulla nay
anything was-given not.

ĀG'RI.

Āg'ri has only been returned as a separate dialect from Kolaba. It is said to have suffered much from Standard Marāṭhī in former times. The short specimen which follows will show that it is in reality the common Konkani Standard of the language. We may only note that the cerebral *l* is often written as in the Dekhan, and that several Dekhani forms also occur in the specimen. Thus, *sag'lā*, all, but *dukāl*, famine, *mar'tō*, I die, etc.

[No 20]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀṬHĪ.

KONKAN STANDARD.

ĀG'RI DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

येका गिरिस्ताला दोन सोकरे हुते । त्यातचा धाकटा बापासला वोलला, बाबा,
जो इमृकाचा वाटा मना येयाचा तो देस । मग त्यानी दरव्या त्याला वाटून
देल । मग दोरक्या दिसानी धाकटा पुतुस सगळा कवळून दूर मुलुकास
लेला । आन त्याँ उदलेपना करून आपली दबलत उरडली । फुरे त्यानी
सगळे उरडल्या-वर त्या देसान मोटा दुकाल परला । त्यासाठी त्याला अरचन
पराय लागली । तवा तो तेथल्या येका सावकारा-कड गेला । त्यानी त्याला
आपल्या सेतान डुकराँ चरयाला धारला । जी सालाँ डुकराँ खात त्यानच्या-वर
त्यानी आपलाँ पोटा भराँवा असा त्याचे मनात आयला ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Yēkā	gīristā-lī	dōn	sōk'rō	hutē	Tyāt-tṣā	dhāk'tā	bāpās-lā	
One	householder-to	two	sons	were	Them-among-of	the younger	the-father-to	
bōl'lī,	'bābā,	dzō	istākā-tṣā	vaṣū	ma-nū	ṣōyā-tṣā	tō	dēs' Mang
said,	'father,	which	estate-of	share	me-to	is-to-come	that	give' Then
tvā-nī	daravva	tvā-lā	vātun	dēla	Mang	thōr'kvā	disā-nī	
him-by	money	him-to	having-divided	was given	Then	few	days-in	
dhāk'tā	putus	sag'lā	kav'lūn	dūr	mulukās	jēlā	Ān	tayā
the-younger	son	all	having-collected	far	to country	went	And	there
ud'lēpanā	karūn	āp'lī	dav'lat	nraṭlī	Phurē			
spendthriftness	having-done	his	property	was-squandered	Afterwards			

trā-ni sag'le urālvā-var tṛā dēsān mōtī dukāl par'la, tvāsāthī
him-by all spent-being-after that in country great famine fell; that-for
 tṛā-lā ar'tsan par'y lāg'li. Tavā tō tīthalvī yēkū sāv'hārī-kadā
him-to difficulty to-fall began. Then he there-of one rich-man-with
 rēlā Tṛā-nī tṛā-lā āp'lvā sītān duk'rā tsar'yā-lā dhār'lā
stayed Him-by him his in-field swine to-graze was-went
 Jī sālā duk'rā khīt tṛān-chvā-var tvā-nī āp'lā pōt
Which hushs the-swine used-to-eat them-upon him-by his belly
 bhārāvā asā tṛā-chī manāt āy'lā
should-be-filled thus his in-mind came.

DHANAGARĪ

As has already been stated Dhan'garī, or the language of the shepherds, has been returned as a separate dialect from Thana, the Jawhar State, Janjira, and Belgaum.

In Thana the Dhan'garī are chiefly found in the Murbad Taluka. In Janjira they are said to have come from the Dekhan and the Kaimatik. They are not very numerous, and most of them are found in Mhasla. In Belgaum Dhan'garī has been returned from the south-east corner, on the frontier towards Sawantwadi.

No specimens have been received from Jawhar. The Dhan'garī of Thana has preserved the cerebral *ḍ* after vowels, and also the cerebral *ḷ*, thus, *thōḍā*, small, *saḡḷā*, all. The present tense is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī mar'tō*, I die, *tū dētōs*, thou givest. In most respects, however, the Dhan'garī of Thana agrees with the current language of the district. Note the frequent insertion of a *y* before vowels, thus, *vyātā*, share, *ṭyō*, that, etc.

The dialect of the Dhan'garīs of Janjira has a similar character. It mainly agrees with the Konkani Standard of Marāṭhī. Thus, the past tense of transitive verbs agrees with an inflected object, we find the third person singular of the past tense in *ān*, and so on. Compare *dhanyān ma-lā* (fem.) *lāo'li*, the master applied me, *bā-na sāngvī'lān*, the father said. On the other hand, *ḍ* is used after vowels, and the present tense is formed as in the Dekhan. Thus, *ghōḍā*, a horse, *mī khātō*, I eat, *tū khātōs*, thou eatest, *tō mhang'tō*, he says, *ti mhan'tō*, she says.

In Belgaum, where Dhan'garī has been returned from the south-east corner on the frontier towards Sawantwadi, the dialect is also closely related to the usual Marāṭhī of the Konkani. *D*, *ḷ*, and usually also *n* are, however, used as in the Dekhan, thus, *ghōḍa*, a horse, *ḍol*, an eye, *ān*, and

Characteristic of the dialect is a tendency to drop final vowels, thus, *sōn*, for *sōnā*, gold, *ghōḍ* and *ghōḍa*, a horse, *cāsar*, for *cās'ā*, calves, *tudz nāv*, thy name, and so on.

In other respects we find the usual Konkani peculiarities. Compare forms such as *yāl* and *yōk*, one, *dyōn*, two, *īs*, twenty, *hā*, I am, *hās*, thou art, *hā*, he is, *hāv*, we are, etc.

The present tense is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī myār'tō*, I strike.

The short specimens which follow will show that Dhan'garī is no separate dialect. Like all eastern dialects of the Konkani it in some characteristics agrees with the Marāṭhī of the Dekhan, but is, on the whole, only the current Konkani Standard. It must be borne in mind that the south-eastern part of Belgaum belongs linguistically rather to the Konkani than to the Dekhan.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KONKAN STANDARD

DHAN⁴GARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

SPECIMEN I.

कुन्या एका मानसाला दोन ल्योक हुत। त्यातला ध्याकला आपल्या
वाला म्हनला। वा मना मालमतेचा की व्याटा देतोस ते दे मना। वान ती संपदा
त्येला वाटून दिली। मंग थोड्या दिसानी त्यो ध्याकला ल्योक समद जमा-करून
दूर देशाला ग्येला, आन तिघ ज्याजन जी संपदा व्हाती ती उधळपनान सगळी
उधळली। मंग त्यान अवघ खरचल त्या साली त्या मुलखात मोठा दुष्टकाळ पडला।
त्या-मुळ त्याला अडचन पडू लागली। तेव्हा तो त्या मुलखात एका गिरिस्ता-
जवळ ज्याजन राहिला। त्यान त्याला आपल्या म्हशी वळायला घ्यावल। तिघ म्हशी
जो गवत-पाला खात तोच खाजन पोटा भराव असा त्यानी इच्छा केला। आन
कुनी त्याला काय दिल नाही ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kunya ēkā mān'sā-lā dōn lyōk huta Tyāt'lā dhyāk'lā āp'lyā
Some one man-to two sons were Them-among the-younger his
bā-lā mhan'lā, 'bā, ma-nā māl'mat-ṭsā kē vyātā dētōs, tē
father-to said, 'father, me-to property-of what share thou-givest, that
dē ma-nā' Bā-na ti sampadā tyē-lā vātūn dilī
give me-to' Father-by that property him-to having-divided was-given
Mang thōdyā dīsā-nī tyō dhyāk'lā lyōk sam'da dzamā karūn dūr
Then few days in that younger son all together having-made far
dēsā-lā gyēlā, ān titha jyāūn jī sampadā vhati ti udhalapanā-na
country-to went, and there having-gone what wealth was that spending fitness with
sag'li udhal'li Mang tyā-na av'gha kharats'la tyā sālī tyā
all was squandered Then him-by all was-spent that in-year that
mul'khāt mōthā dushṭa-kāl paḍ'lā Tyā-mula tyē-lā ad'tsan padū
in-country big bad-time fell Therefore him-to difficulty to-arise
lag'li. Tēvhā tō tyā mul'khāt ēkā gūrstā-dzaval jyāūn rāhulā
began Then he that in-country one householder-near having-gone stayed

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त्या-मुळ त्वेला अडचन पडू लागली। तेव्हा तो त्या मुलखात एका गिरिस्ता-
जवळ ज्याजन राहिला। त्यान त्याला आपल्या म्हशी वळायला ल्यावल। तिथ म्हशी
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TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kunyā	ēkā	mān'sā-lā	dōn	lyōk	huta	Tyāt'lā	dhyāk'lā	āp'lyā
Some	one	man-to	two	sons	were	Them	among	the-younger
bā-lā	mhan'lā,	'bā,	ma-nā	māl'matē-tsā	kē	vyātā	dētōs,	tē
father-to	said,	'father,	me-to	property-of	what	share	thou-givest,	that
dē	ma-nā'	Bā-na	tī	sampadā	tyē-lā	vātūn	dilī	
give	me-to'	Father-by	that	property	him-to	having-divided	was-given	
Mang	thōdyā	dīsā-nī	tyō	dhyāk'lā	lyōk	sam'da	dzamā	karūn
Then	few	days in	that	younger	son	all	together	having-made
dēsā-lā	gyēlā,	ān	titha	jyāūn	jī	sampadā	vhati	tī
country-to	went,	and	there	having-gone	what	wealth	was	that
sag'li	udha'li	Mang	tyā-na	av'gha	kharats'la	tyā	sāli	tyā
all	was squandered	Then	him-by	all	was-spent	that	in-year	that
mul'khāt	mōthā	dushta-kā	pad'lā	Tyā-mulā	tyē-lā	ad'tsan	padū	
in-country	big	bad-time	fell	Therefore	him-to	difficulty	to-use	
lag'li.	Tēvhā	tō	tyā	mul'khāt	ēkā	girstā-dzava	jyāūn	iāhlā
began	Then	he	that	in-country	one	householder-near	having-gone	stayed

'Ty i na tyā-lī āp'lyā mhaśi vaḷāyā lyāv'la. Titha mhaśi
He by him-to his buffaloes to-watch it-was-applied There buffaloes
 dzō gavat-pālā khāt tō-ts khūn pōt bharāva
what grass-leaves were eating that-even having-eaten belly should-be-filled
 asī tyā-nī ichy ū kēlā, Ān kunī tyā-lā kāy dila
such him-by reflection was-made And (by-)anybody him-to anything was given
 nāhi.
not

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MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(JANJIRA STATE)

SPECIMEN II

विरामन जाता कासी आन वग्न पडला व्हता फासी । तवाँ विरामनला वग्न म्हगला, मना फासातना काड मनजे तुला कासी चांगली घडल । तवाँ विरामनला मया आली आन त्यान वग्नला फासातना काडला । तवाँ वग्न म्हंगतो, तुला मी आता खातो । तवाँ विरामन म्हंगला, मंगासी तू म्हगलास खात नाय आन आता कसा खातोस । तर आता म्हसी-जवल न्याय कर-न्यास जाव चल । आस म्हंगून ते तिथ गेल । तवाँ विरामन म्हसीला म्हंगला, माजा आन वग्नचा न्याय कर । तवाँ विरामन म्हंगला चो वग्नला मी फासातना काडला आन आता वग्न मना म्हंगतो, मी तुला खातो । तवाँ म्हईस विरामनास म्हनते, माज्या आगात जवा सक्त होत्या आनि मी जवा दूद देत व्हते तवा माजा धनी माजी जतन करीत व्हता । आन आता मी म्हातारी जाले तवा धन्यान मला हारकी उपटायला लावली । तवा हित कशाची न्याय आलय । तवा वग्न म्हंगतो, विरामना, न्याय भाला । आता तुला मी खातो । तवा विरामन म्हंगला, खा । इतक्यात विरामनाच्या कोला नजर पडला । तवाँ त्याला विरामनान हाक मारली । तवाँ तो तिथ उवा झायला आन म्हंगाला, काय वोलन आसल ते तिथनच वोल । तवाँ विरामनान आपली हाकीकत सांगितली । तवाँ कोलोवा म्हगला, वग्न जिथ फासात आडकला होता तिथ मना ने मंग काय त्या सांगन । आस म्हनून वग्न वामन आन कोला आस तिथ गेल । आन वग्न कसा फासात आडकला व्हता तो मना पाजुं दे । आस म्हनल्या-वर वग्न त्यास दाखविन्या करता फासा मदी सिरला । तवा तो फासात आडकला । तवाँ कोला विरामनास म्हगला तू आता कासीला जा । तवा वामन चालता भाला, आन वग्नला कोलच्यान खाल्ला ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(JANJIRA STATE)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Birāman dzātā Kāsi āna vagra padalā-vhatā phāsi
A-brāhman was-going to-Kāsi and a-tiger had-fallen in-a-trap
 Tavā birāman-lā vagra mhang^llā, 'ma-nā phāsāt-nā kād man^jē
Then brāhman to the-tiger said, 'me-to the trap-from take-out then
 tu-lā Kāsi tsāng^lli ghadal' Tavā buāman-lā mayā āli ān
thee-to Kāsi well will-happen' Then the brāhman-to pity came and
 tyā-na vagra-lā phāsāt-nā kād^llā Tavā vagra mhang^ttō,
him-by to-the-tiger in-the-trap-from was-taken-out Then the-tiger says,
 'tu-lā mi ātā khātō' Tavā birāman mhang^llā, 'mangāsī tū
'thee I now eat' Then the-brāhman said, 'before-a-while thou
 mhang^llās khāt-nāy ān ātā kasā khātōs? Tai ātā
didst-say (I-)do-not-eat and now how (thou-)eatest? Therefore now
 mhasi-dzaval nyāy kar^{nyās} dzāv^{tsal} 'Āsa mhangūn tē titha
to-a-she-buffalo justice to-make let(-us)-go' So having-said they there
 gēla Tavā birāman mhasi-lā mhang^llā, 'mādzā ān vagra^{tsā}
went Then the-brāhman the-she-buffalo-to said, 'my and the-tiger-of
 nyāy kar' Tavā birāman mhang^llā, 'hyō vagra-lā mi phāsāt-nā
justice do' Then the-brāhman said, 'this tiger-to (by-)me in-the-trap from
 kād^llā ān ātā vagra ma-nā mhang^ttō, "mi tu-lā khātō"
was-taken out and now tiger me-to says, "I thee eat"
 Tavā mhasi buāmanās mhan^ttē, 'mājyā āngāt dzavā
Then the-she-buffalo to-the-brāhman says, 'my m-body when
 sakta hōtyā āni mi dzavā dūd dēt-vhatē tavā mādzā dhanī māji
strengths were and I when milk giving-was then my master my
 dzatan karit-vhatā, ān ātā mi mhātāri dzālē, tavā dhanyān ma-lā
care doing was, and now I old became, then by-my-master me-to
 hār^{li} up^{tāyā} lāv^{li} Tavā hita kasā-chi nyāy ālay' Tavā
grass to-uproot am applied. Then here of-what justice is-come' Then
 vagra mhang^ttō, 'birāmanā, nyāy dzhālā. Ātā tu-lā mi khātō' Tavā
tiger says, 'O-brāhman, justice is-done. Now thee I eat' Then

birāman mhang'lā, 'khā' It'kyāt birāmanā-ohyā kōlā
brāhman said, 'eat.' In-the-meantime the-brāhman-of a-jackal
nadzai pad'lā Tavā tyā-lā birām'nā-na hāk mār'li Tavā tō
in-the sight fell Then him-to the-brāhman-by calling was-struck Then he
titha ubā-ihāy'lā ān mhangālā, 'kāy bōl'na āsal tō titha-na-ts
there stood and said, 'what to-say will-be that from-there only
bōl' Tavā birām'nā-na āp'li hākikat sāngit'li Tavā kōlō-bā
speak' Then the-brāhman-by his-own account was-told. Then the-jackal
mhang'lā, 'vagra jitha phāsāt ādak'lā-hōtā titha ma-nā nō, mang
said, 'the-tiger where in-the-trap caught-was there me take, then
kāy tyā sāngan' Āsa mhanūn vagra, bāman, ān
what that I will-tell' So having said the-tiger, the-brāhman, and
kōlā āsa titha gēla Ān, 'vagra kasā phāsāt ādak'lā-vhatā
the-jackal such there went And, 'the-tiger how in-the-trap caught-was
tō ma-nā pūi dē' Āsa mhan'yā var vagra tyās dākhavinyū-kar'tā
that me to see let' So on-having-said the-tiger to him to-show-in-order
phāsā-mandī sur'lā Tavā tō phāsāt ādak'lā. Tavā kōlā
in-the-trap entered Then he in-the-trap was-caught Then the-jackal
birāmanās mhang'lā, 'tū ātā Kāsi-lā dzā' Tavā bāman tsāl'tā
to-the brāhman said, 'thou now Kāsi-to go' Then the-brāhman going
dzhālā, ān vagrā-lā kōlhyān khālā
became, and the-tiger-to the-jackal-by was-eaten

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

A Brāhman pilgrim was going to Kāśi when a tiger was caught in a trap

Then the tiger said to the Brāhman 'release me from the trap and then you will perform your pilgrimage to Kāśi successfully' The Brāhman was moved with pity and released the tiger from the trap Then the tiger said, 'I shall now eat you' Then the Brāhman argued, 'a short time before, you said that you would not eat me, and how is it that you are prepared to eat me now? Let us go to the she-buffalo for decision' Accordingly they went there, and the Brāhman asked the she-buffalo to decide their dispute The Brāhman said, 'I released this tiger from the trap and now he says he will devour me' Then the buffalo said to the Brāhman, 'my master took care of me when I was strong and was giving him milk, but now I am grown old, and so my master has made me graze upon the rough grass Then what room is left for justice here?' The tiger said, 'well Brāhman, the decision is given Now I devour you.' Then the Brāhman said helplessly, 'devour' Presently the Brāhman chanced to see a jackal and called to him loudly and the jackal stopped, saying, 'say what you have to say keeping at a distance' Then the Brāhman told him his story The jackal said, 'take me to the place where the tiger was entrapped, and then I will give my decision' After this the tiger, the Brāhman, and the jackal all three went there Then the jackal said, 'let me see how the tiger was entrapped' The tiger, in order to show that, put himself in the trap, and when he was caught in it, the jackal said to the Brāhman, 'now go your way to Kāśi' Immediately the Brāhman set off And the jackal fed upon the tiger

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DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BELGAUM)

SPECIMEN III

सकाळ पासून सध्याकाळ पर्यंतच काम । सकाळचा उठल्या वगेवर वासर सोडली । वासर सोडून मसीची वार राहिल्या त्या वद्दल दोन गडी पाठवून वशीद आनल । ते वशीद दोन तीन वशीद मिळवून मशीस घातल । तिथून पुढ ताक ठवळल । तिथून पुढ वाकरी खाजन सात आठ आळाची लोक वलिवली । आळाची लोक वलवून कामास लाजन वाकरी खाजन गोरा-कडे गेलो पुना गोरा-कड जाजन मस पाडली । मस पाडली तर निकाल ठकली । तिथून पुना ही मरते समजून काही-तरी वशीद वगाव म्हणून दुर्गास गेलो । पुना मदकोपास गेलो, नागुरड्यास गेलो । अवशीद घेजन तीन तास रात्रीस गरास गेलो । तिथून पुढे जेम्हून ते वखाद मशीस पाजिवल । तुकडा खाजन जरा पडलो । दोन तास रात्र असताना गोर सोडली । तिथून गरास आनून वासर सोडली । वासर सोडून हाता-वर वेधी वेधी वाकरी घेजन लवकर तीर्थकुडेस आलो । तिथून कचेरीस आलो ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BELGAUM)

SPECIMEN III

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Sakāl-pāsūn	sandhyā-kāl-paryant-tsa	kām	Sakāl-tsā	uth'lyā			
Morning-from	evening-time-until-of	work.	In-the-morning	rising			
barōbar	vāsar	sōd'li	Vāsar				
on	young ones-of-buffaloes	were loosened	The-young-ones				
sōdūn	masi-chī	vāi	rāhlyā	tyā-baddal dōn			
having-let-loose	she-buffalo of	afterbirth	remained	that-for two			
gadi	pāth'vūn	vaśid	ān'la	Tō vaśid dōn tīn			
servants	having-sent	medicine	was-brought	That medicine two three			
vaśid	mul'vūn	maśis	ghāt'la	Tithūn-pudha			
medicines	having-mixed	to-the-she-buffalo	were-administered	Thence-further			
tāk	dhava'la	Tithūn-pudha	bāk'ī	khāūn sāt āth			
butter-milk	was-churned	After-that	bread	having-eaten seven eight			
ālā-chī	lōk	baliv'li	Alā-chī	lōk bal'vūn kāmās			
lane-of	people	were-called	Lane-of	people	having-called	to-work	
lāūn	bāk'ri	khāūn	gōrā-kadē	gēlō	Punā	gōrā-	
having-applied	bread	having-eaten	cattle-towards	I-went	Again	cattle-	
kada	dzāūn	mas	pāli,	mas	pāli	taī nīkāl	
towards	having-gone	she-buffalo	was-seen,	she-buffalo	was seen	then very	
thak'li.	Tithūn	punā,	'hi mar'tē,	sam'dzūn	kāhī-tari	vaśid	
was-exhausted	Thence	again,	'this dies,'	considering	something	medicine	
bagāva,	mhanūn	Durgās	gēlō	Punā	Mad'kōpās	gēlō,	
should-be-found,	therefore	to Durga	I-went	Again	to-Madkōpa	I-went,	
Nāgur'dyās	gēlō,	av'śid	ghēūn	tīn	tās	rātrīs	gaiās
to-Nagur da	I-went,	medicine	having-taken	three	hours	at-night	to-home
gēlō	Tithūn	pudhē	jēdzh'rūn	tē	vakhād		
went	Thence	afterwards	having-pounded (the-medicine)	that	medicine		
maśis	pājiv'la	Tuk'dā	khāūn				
to-the-she-buffalo	was caused-to-be-drunk	A-piece-(of-bread)	having-eaten				
dzarā	pad'lō	Dōn	tās	rāh	as'tānā	gōi	
for-a-while	I-lard-(myself)	Two	hours	night	while-remained	cattle	

sōd'li.	Tithūn	garās	ānūn	vāsar	sōd'li.
<i>was-let-loose</i>	<i>Thence</i>	<i>to-house</i>	<i>having-brought</i>	<i>the-young-ones</i>	<i>were-loosened</i>
Vāsar	sōdūn	hātā-var	bēghī-bēghī	bāk'ri	ghēūn
<i>The-young ones</i>	<i>having-loosed</i>	<i>on-the-hand</i>	<i>quick-quick</i>	<i>bread</i>	<i>having-taken</i>
lav'kar	Tirth'kundēs	ālō,	tithūn	kachēris	ālō
<i>soon</i>	<i>to-Tirthakund</i>	<i>I-came,</i>	<i>thence</i>	<i>to-the-court</i>	<i>I-came</i>

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

I had something to do from morning till night As soon as I got up in the morning the young buffaloes were let loose Then a she-buffalo had a miscarriage Therefore two servants were sent for medicine I mixed two or three different drugs and administered the mixture to the she-buffalo Then I had to churn buttermilk, and then I had something to eat Then I called seven or eight neighbours and set them to work. Then I ate some bread and went to look after the cattle I saw that the she-buffalo was much exhausted. I feared lest she might be dying and therefore went to Durga to fetch some medicine, and thereafter I went to Madkopa and Nagurda I came home with the medicine about three o'clock at night, mixed the medicine, and gave it to the she-buffalo Then I ate a piece of bread and went to sleep for a moment When two hours were left of the night I let the cattle loose Then I brought the young buffaloes to the house and let them loose Then I took some bread in my hand and quickly went to Tirthakund and thence to the court

BHANDĀRĪ.

Bhandārī is the dialect of the Bhandārīs, or palm-juice drawers. It has been reported as a separate dialect from Kolaba and Janjira. It is nothing but the current language of the districts. The cerebral *ḍ* is usually written as in the Dekhan, thus, *paḍḍālā*, fell. It is, however, often changed to *r* after vowels, as is usually the case in the Northern Konkan, thus, *tudzā sabda mī kadī-bī mōi'lā nāy*, thy word by-me at-any-time even was-broken not. The writing of *ḍ* in such cases is, therefore, probably due to the influence of the written language.

A specimen of Bhandārī has also been forwarded from Ratnagiri. Like the specimens of Sangamēśvarī received from the same district, it is written in the usual Marāṭhī of the Dekhan, and it has not, therefore, been reproduced.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in the Bhandārī of Janjira will be sufficient to show that this form of speech differs in no essential points from the usual Konkan Standard of Marāṭhī.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

BHANDĪRĪ DIALECT

(STATE JANJIRA)

कोनी एका मनुचास दोन सोकर होत । त्यातना धाकला वावाला म्हतला, वावा, इष्टकीचा जो वाटा मना यायचा हाय तो दे । मंग त्यान त्यास माल जिनगी वाटून दिली । मग थोडक्या दिसानी धाकला मुलगा आपल समद जमा करून दूरच्या मुलखात गेला, आनि थत उदलपानाने वागून आपली सर्व संपता उधलली । मग सगली सपता उधलल्या-वर त्या मुलखात मोठा दुकाल पडला । त्या-मुल त्याला गरिवी आली । तवाँ तो त्या मुलका-मदील एका गिरिस्ता-जवळ झाला । त्यानी त्याला शेतात डुकर चरवायला पाठविला । तवाँ डुकर कोडा खातात, त्या-वर त्यानी आपला पोट भरावाँ असा वाटलाँ आनि कोनी-वी त्याला काही देत नायसा भाला । मग तो सुद्दी-वर येजन बोलला , माज्या वावाच्या कितीक चाकरास म्होप भाकरी हाय, आनि मी भुक मरताँ । मी उटून आपल्या वावा-कड जाईन आनि त्याला म्हनन वावा, मिनी देवा-इकड ना तुज्या-इकड पाप केल हाय । आता या घडीशी तुजा मुलगा मी न्हव, असा माज्या मनाला आला । तू आपल्या एकाद्या चाकरा परमान मला वागव । मग तो उटून-शेनी आपल्या वावा-कड गेला ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KONKAN STANDARD

BHANDĀRĪ DIALECT.

(STATE JANJIRA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōnī-ēkā manukshās dōn sōk'ra hōta Tyāt-nā dhāk'lā
Certain to-a-man two sons were Them-in-from the-younger
 bābā-lā mhat'lā, 'bābā, ishtakī-tsā dzō vātā ma-nā yāy'tsā hāy
the-father-to said, 'father, the-estate-of what share me-to to come is
 tō dē' Mang tyā-na tyās māl-jn'gī vātūn dilī Mang
that give' Then him-by to-him property having-divided was-given Then
 thōd'kyā disā-nī dhāk'lā mul'gā āp'la sam'da dzamā karūn
a-few days-after the-younger son his-own all together having-made
 dūr'chyā mul'khāt gēlā, ām thata udal'panā-nō vāgūn
distant into-country went, and there prodigality-with having-behaved
 āp'li sarv sampatā udhal'li Mang sag'li sampatā udhal'lyā-var
his-own all property was-squandered Then all property having-squandered-after
 tyā mul'khāt mōthā dukāl pad'lā Tyā-mula tyā-lā garibī ālī
that into-country great famine fell Therefore him-to poverty came
 Tavā tō tyā mul'khā-madil ēkā guristā-dzaval rhālū Tyā-nī tyā-lā
Then he that country-in-from one householder-near lived Him-by him-to
 śētāt duk'ra tsar'vāy-lā pāth'vilā Tavā duk'ra kōndā khātāt tyā-var
in-a-field swine to-graze was-sent Then swine husk eat that-on
 tyā-nī āp'lā pōt bhaiāvā asā vāt'lā, ānī kōnī-bī tyā-lā
him-by his belly should-be-filled so it-appeared, and anyone-even him-to
 kāhi dyēt nāy'sā dzhālā Mang tō suddi-vai yēūn bōl'lā,
anything growing not-so beoame Then he senses-on having-come said,
 'mājyā bābā-chyā kitik tsāk'rās mhōp bhāk'ri hāy, ānī mī
'my father-of how-many servants-to much bread is, and I
 bhuka mar'tā Mī utūn āp'lyā bābā-kada dzāin ānī tyā-lā
by-hunger die I having-arisen my father-to will-go and him-to
 mhanan, "bābā, mī-nī dēvā-ik'da nā tujyā-ik'da pāp kēla hāy Ātā
will-say, "father, me-by God-against and thee-against sin done is Now
 yā ghadi-sī tudzā mul'gā mī nhava, asā mājyā manā-lā ālā Tū
this time-from thy son I am-not, so my mind-to came Thou
 āp'lyā ēkādyā tsāk'rā par'mān ma-lā vāgav'' Mang tō utūn-sēnī
thy one servant like me treat'' Then he having-arisen
 āp'lyā bābā-kada gēlā
his father-to went.

THĀK'ARĪ

Thāk'arī has been reported as a separate dialect from Kolaba and Nasik, and specimens have also been received from Thana. The speakers are everywhere found in the neighbourhood of the Dekhan, and their dialect is, accordingly, a kind of connecting link between the two slightly differing forms of Marāṭhī current in the Dekhan and the Konkan respectively. The dialect of the Thākurs of Kolaba has, like the other forms of speech in that district, been largely influenced by the form of Marāṭhī current in the Dekhan. Thus, cerebral *l* and *n* are usually distinguished from the corresponding dental sounds, and *ɹ* has been preserved after vowels. Compare words such as *dukāl*, famine, *mān'sā-lā*, to a man, *pad'lā*, he fell. The pronunciation of *n* is, however, probably that of a dental *n*, for we find both *n* and *ɹ* constantly written in the same words, and there are sufficient other traces to show that the dialect is only an adulterated form of the common language of the Central and Northern Konkan. A few lines of the Parable of the Prodigal Son will be sufficient to illustrate this form of speech.

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHI

KONKAN STANDARD

THĀK'BI DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

कुना माणसाला दोन मुलगे होत । त्यातला धाकटा मुलगा बावाला
 म्हनायला, बावा, जो काय इष्टकीचा वाटा असेल तो माझा दे । मंग बापाने
 वाटा दिला । तो समदा पैसा गुडाकून दूर देशांत गेला । तिकड जाऊन
 समदा पैसा उधकून टाकला । मग त्या देशांत दुकाळ पडला । तवा खरचाची
 अडचण पडली । मग तिथ सावकारा-कड चाकरीस राहिला । सावकारान
 त्याला डुकर चारावयाला शेतांत पाठविला । डुकर खाऊन टरफल टाकत
 त्या-वर पोटा भरून । त्याला कोणी काडू दिल नाही ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kunā	mān'sā-lī	dōn	mul'ga	hōta	Trāt'lā	dhāk'tā	mul'gā
<i>Certain</i>	<i>man-to</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>Them-among</i>	<i>the-younger</i>	<i>son</i>
bābā-lī	mhan'v'lā,	'bābā,	dzō-kāy	ishta'i-tsā	vātā	asēl	tō
<i>the-father-to</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>whatever</i>	<i>estate-of</i>	<i>share</i>	<i>will-be</i>	<i>that</i>
mādhā dē'	Mang	bāpā-nē	vātā	dilā	Tō	sam'dā	paīsā
<i>me give'</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>the-father-by</i>	<i>share</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>He</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>money</i>
gundālūn	dūn	deśāt	gēlā	Tik'da	dzāūn	sam'dā	paīsā
<i>having-gathered</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>to-country</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>money</i>
udh'lūn	tik'lā	Mag	tvā	deśāt	dukāl	pad'lā	Tavā
<i>having-wasted</i>	<i>was-thrown</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>in-country</i>	<i>famine</i>	<i>arose</i>	<i>Then</i>
khar'ts-i-chī	ad'tsān	pad'lī	Mag	titha	sā'khāi-kada	tsāh'rīs	rāhīlā
<i>expenditure-of</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>arose</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>rich-man-with</i>	<i>for-service</i>	<i>stayed</i>
Siv'k'īran	tvā-lā	duk'ra	ts'irāv'yā-lā	śētāt	pāthavilā	Duk'ra	khāūn
<i>The-man-by</i>	<i>him</i>	<i>swine</i>	<i>feeding-for</i>	<i>in-field</i>	<i>was-sent</i>	<i>Swine</i>	<i>having-eaten</i>
kar'phal	tikat,	tvā-var	pōt	bharin	TVā-lā	kōnī	
<i>husks</i>	<i>used-to-throw,</i>	<i>that-on</i>	<i>belly</i>	<i>(I-)shall-fill</i>	<i>Him-to</i>	<i>(by-)anyone</i>	
ku	dila	nāhī					
<i>anything</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>not</i>					

The Thāk'ri dialect of Nasik is also closely related to the current Marāthi of the Dekhan. Thus, the cerebral *ḍ* and *ḷ* are both retained, compare *ghōḍā*, a horse, *paḷ*, run. The cerebral *ṣ* is occasionally changed to *ṣ*, thus, *pāṇī*, water. Usually, however, we find forms such as *ḷōṇ*, who? The inflection of verbs is the same as in the Dekhan. On the other hand, we find characteristic Konkani forms, such as *īstav*, fire, *yēḷ*, time, *tyā-na*, by him, *duk'ra*, swine, *asan*, I shall be, *jyēḷā*, he went. In *tī duk'ra khāt hōṭē*, those swine were eating, the verb *hōṭē* has the form of the masculine plural, though the subject is neuter. This is probably due to the influence of the neighbouring Gujarātī.

On the whole, the Thāk'ri of Nasik shares the characteristic features of other border dialects between the Dekhan and the Konkani, as will be seen from the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows —

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHI

KONKANI STANDARD

THĀK'RI DIALECT

(DISTRICT NASIK)

कोण्या एका माणसाला दोन मुल व्हती । आणि त्याच्या पैकी नव-
तरणा व्हता त्यानी वापाला सांगितल की माझा हिंसा मला द्यावा । आणि
ती संपता वाटून देली । मग थोडक्या दिवसात धाकटा मुलगा व्हता, तो सर्व जमा
करून भोजन जेला । आणि तेथे उधळपणे वागून आपली संपत्ता उडविली ।
मग ती दवलत उडवून दिली, भिकारी झाला, म्हणजे त्या देशात दुस्काळ पडला ।
त्या मुळाना त्याला मोठी अडचण पडू लागली । तेव्हा मग तो त्या देसातील एका
गरस्ता-जवळ जाऊन राहिला । त्यान डुकर चारायला शेतात पाठविला । ती डुकर
जी टरफल खात होते त्या-वर पोटा भरावे असे वाटले । आणि त्याला कोणू काही
दिल नाही । मग तो सुद्धी-वर येऊन सांगल, माझ्या वापाच्या किती मोलकऱ्यांस
भरपुर भाकर आहे; आणि मी भुक्कन मरतो । म्या उठून आपल्या वापा-कडे जाईन
व त्याला म्हणन, ह्ये वापा, मी देवा-समोर व तुमच्या समोर पाप केले आहे ॥

[No 26]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD.

THĀK'RĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT NASIK)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnyā-ēkā mān'sā-lā dōn mula vhatī Āṇi tyā-chyā-paikī nava-
A-certain man-to two children were And them-of-from among fresh-and-
 tar'nā vhatā tyā-nī bāpā-lā sāngit'la kī, 'māḍhā hisā ma-lā
young (who-)was him-by father to it-was-told that, 'my share me to
 dyāvā ' Āṇi ti sampatā vātūn dēli Mag tḥōd'kyā
should-be-given' And that property having-divided was-given Then a-few
 dī'sāt dhāh'tā mul'gā vhatā, tō sarv ḍzamā kaiūn jhēūn
in-days the-younger son was, he all together having-done having-taken
 jēlā Āṇi tēthē udhaḷ'panē vāgūn āp'li sampatā udavli
went And there with-extravagance having-lived his-own property was-squandered
 Mag ti dav'lat ud'vūn dūli, bhikārī ḍhālā, mhan'jē tyā
Then that property having-wasted was-given, poor (he-)became, that-is that
 dēsāt duskāl pad'lā Tyā mulā-nā tyā-lā mōthī ad'tsan padū
in-country famine fell That on-account-of him-to great difficulty to-fall
 lāg'li Tēvhā mag tō tyā dēsātil ēkā garastā ḍzavaḷ ḍzāūn
began Then after he that country-in one householder near having-gone
 rāhulā Tyā-na duk'ra tsārāy'lā śētāt pāṭhavilā Ti duk'ra jī
remained Him-by some to-graze in-the-field he-was-sent Those some which
 tar'phala khāt hōtē, tyā-var pōṭ bharāvē asē vāt'le Āṇi
husks eating were, that-upon belly should-be-filled so it-appeared-(to-him) And
 tyā-lā kōnha kāhī dūla nāhī Mag tō suddhī-var yēūn sāng'la,
him-to anyone anything was-given not Then he senses-on having-come said,
 'mājhyā bāpā-chyā kiti mōl'karyās bhar-pur bhākaī āhē, āṇi mī
'my father's how-many to-labourers sufficient bread is, and I
 bhuka-na mar'tō Myā uthūn āp'lyā bāpā-kadē ḍzāin va tyā-lā
hunger with am-dying I having-arisen my-own father-to will-go and him-to
 mhanan, "hyē bāpā, mī Dēvā-samōr va tujhyā samōr pāp kēla āhē"
will-say, "O father, by-me God-before and of-thee before sin done is"

In Thana, Thākurs are chiefly found in the hilly country in the south-east and south. Their dialect is of the kind usual in all districts between the Konkan and the Dekhan. There is, besides, a slight admixture of Gujarātī. Compare forms such as *dēi-dēō*, give, *bhuka*, with hunger, *ākhōn*, at last. The termination of the dative is usually *l*, thus, *ābbāl*, to the father, *māl*, to me, *tyādzhal*, to him. The case of the agent of personal pronouns ends in *hān*, thus, *mahān*, by me, *tuhān*, by thee. Compare the dialectical forms *mahā*, my, *tuhā*, thy. Note the use of the particle *karī*, how? why? which corresponds to *kī nāī*, why not? namely, in colloquial Marāṭhī.

The general agreement of the dialect with other forms of speech current in the same localities will be seen from a perusal of the short specimen which follows.

[No. 27]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

THĀK'ARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANĀ)

एका मानसाला करी दोन ल्योक हुत । धाकटा ल्योक आब्बाला म्हणिला, आब्बा, माल माभ्या द्रष्टकाची वांणणी वाटून देई जो । आब्बान त्याभल त्याचा वाटा वाटून देला । मग उल्ले रोजान तो धाकटा ल्योक आपला वाटा भोजन दूर मुलखात परागंदा झाला । तेंठ उधकापणान वागून सगळीं द्रष्टक वोडसयिला । तेंठ अवघा खसून टाकिल्या-वर त्या मुलखात वहुंच दुकोळ पडिला । मन्झन तो वहुंच भुक मरू लागला । तई तो त्या मुलखात एका गरस्ताच्या घरी जाऊन रहिला । त्येन त्याजला शेरड चाराया शेतात धाडिला । तेंठ शेरड झाडपाला खात तसच आपुन खाव न रहावें अस त्याचे मनात वाटलें । त्याजला करी कोनीच अन्नाचा नख-परी देला नाहीं । आखो तो सुबी-वर येऊन म्हणिला, माभ्या अब्बाच्या घरी कवढक तरी मंजरेच गडी पोटा-भ पोटाल आन खातान, आन मा करी द्रकडें भुक मरतो । इठून मा माभ्या आब्बाक जाईन आन त्याभल जाऊन सांगन, आब्बा, म्हाण देवाचा आन तुम्हा वझच पाप केला । ते अवढा दी म्हाण फेडिला । आता पुन माल करी ल्योक सांगू नको । जस तुम्हा चार चाकार आहांत तसा माल ठेई जो । आखोनतो आपल्या आब्बा-कड आल ॥

[No. 27]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

TUĀK'RĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēkā mīn'sā-lī kaiī dōn lyōk huta Dhāk'tā lyōk ābbā-lā mhanilā,
 One man-to namely two sons were The-younger son father-to said,
 'ābbā, mal mājhyā ishtakā-chī vāt'nī vātūn dēi-dzō' Ābbān
 'father, me-to my property-of share having-divided give' The-father-by
 tyādzhal tvā-tsā vātā vātūn delā Nag ulhē rōdzān tō dhāk'tā
 him-to his share having-divided was-given Then few days-in that younger
 lōk āp'lā vātā jhēun dūn mul'khāt parāgandā dzhālā Tētha
 son his share having-taken far to-county migrating became There
 udhālūpanān vāgūn sag'lā ishtāk bōd'saylā Tētha av'ghā
 volousness-with having-behaved all property was-squandered There all
 kharsūn tākilyā-rai tyā mul'khāt bahū-ts dukōl padilā Manhūn
 having-spent throwing-after that in-country mighty famine arose Therefore
 tō bahū-ts bhuka marū lāg'lā 'tāi tō tyā mul'khāt ēkā garastā-chyā
 he very-much with-hunger to-die began Then he that in-country one householder-of
 gharī dzūn rahulā Tyēn tyādz-lā sērda tsārāyā sētāt dhādilā
 in house having-gone stayed Him-by him goats to-tend in-field was-sent
 Tēthā sūrda dzhād'pālā khāt tasa-ts āpun khāva -- na
 There goats tree-leaves ate thus himself-by it-should-be-eaten and
 rahivā asa tyā-tsē manāt vāt'lā Tyādz-lā kaiī kōnī-ts
 it should be lived thus his in-mind it-appeared Him-to namely (by-)anyone-even
 annī-tsī nakh-parī dclī nāhī Ākhō tō suādhī-var vēun mhanilā,
 food-of a-nail-even was-given not At-last he senses-on having-come said,
 'majhyā ibbī chyā gharī kav'dhak tari māñjīē-tsa gadi pōt-bha
 'my father's in-house how many indeed hired servants belly-full
 potil in khitūn, in mā kari ik'dā bhuka mar'tō Ithūn mā mājhyā
 belly for food eat, and I namely here with-hunger die From here I my
 ibbik dzūn in tyādzhal dzūn sāngan, "ābbā, mahān Dēvā-tsa ān
 to father will-go and him-to having-gone will-say, 'father, by-me God-of and
 tudzha bahū ts pīp kēlā Tc av'dhā-dī mahān phēdilā Ātā
 thy great-indeed sin is done That so-many-days by-me was-expiated Now
 pun mil kari lyōk singū na-kō Dasa tudzha chyār tsākār
 again me to indeed son to-say not-proper-is As thy four servants
 shūt tsa mal thei dzō"" Ākhōn tō āp'lyā ābbī-kada ālā
 are, so me leap"" Lastly he his father-near came

KARHĀDĪ.

Karhādī is the language of the Karhādā Brāhman. Their name is said to be derived from Karhad in Satara, and their original country is said to stretch along the Krishna, from its meeting with the Koyna on the north to the Varna on the south. They are now found in small numbers all over Ratnagiri and Sawantwadi, and also in Bombay Town and Island.

A specimen of Karhādī has been forwarded from Bombay. It shows that the dialect is closely connected with the form of speech current in the Central and Northern Konkan. In some points, however, it agrees with the Marāṭhī spoken in Satara. Cerebral *n* and cerebral *l* are distinguished from the corresponding dental sounds, *d* is not changed to *n* after vowels, and the present tense of finite verbs is formed as in the Dekhan. Thus, *mhanālā*, he said, *dukāl*, famine, *ghōdā*, a horse, *tū mār'tōs*, thou strikest, and so on.

It is possible that Karhādī was originally a dialect of the Marāṭhī spoken in Satara. At the present day, however, it belongs to the Konkan group. We find characteristic Konkan forms such as *bāpus*, oblique *bāpāśī*, a father, *āus*, a mother, *tēdāl*, oblique *tēdālā*, a daughter. The verb substantive is *hāy*, I am, *hās*, thou art, *hāy*, he is, and so on. Note also the substitution of the class nasal for the Anunāsika in forms such as *tēntlā*, among them, and the use of the cerebral *n* in forms such as *tē-nā*, by him.

One of the forms of the dative is characteristic of the dialect, the final *s* having developed to a visarga, thus, *mān'sāh*, to a man. Besides, we also find forms such as *āp'nās*, to himself, *tēs*, to him, etc.

The general agreement with the other dialects of the neighbourhood will easily be seen from the specimen which follows.

[No. 28]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

KARHĀDĪ DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN)

एका मानसाः दीन मुलगे होते । तेंतला धाकटा मूल वापाशी.
म्हणाला, तुजे कडेन जाँ काय डवोलाँ हाय तेतला जाँ काय मज येताँ ताँ
मज दे । मग वापाशीन आपले वोनवेचे वॉटे करून तेस दिले । थोड्याच
दिसाँत धाकच्या मुलान जाँ काय आपणास आळाँ ताँ एकठंय केलान नी तो
मग घरातु भाडूर जाऊन लावच्या एका गाँवास हायला । आणी तेंत तेणा
जाँ काय होताँ त्याची वाट लावलीन । मग जेधवाँ तेचे कडे काय नायसाँ
भालाँ तेधवाँ त्या गाँवाँत मोठा दुकळ पडला आणि तेस खविस जेहेस
मिळे-ना-साँ भालाँ । तेधवाँ तो त्या गाँवाँतल्या एका सावकाराचे र्ही हायला ।
तेणा तेस आपले मळेंत डुकराँ राखास धाडलान । तेधवाँ डुकराँ जो कुडा

स्वार्डित तो सुड्डाँ खाजन तो पोठ भरास वधी पण तेस कोणी काय दिलाँ नाय । तेवाँ तेचे डोळे उघडले आणि तेस वाटलाँ माझे वापाशीचे ह्रीं कितकी मानायाँ: पोठभर खाजन उरे इतकी भाकरी मिळते आणि मी असा उपाशी मरतोँ । मी आताँ उठून वापाशी-कडे जाईन नी वापाशी: सांगेन कीं मी देवाची चूक केली हाय नी ती तुजे समोर । तेवाँ तुम्हा मूल म्हणास मज योग्यता नाई । तर आताँ तूँ मज मानाया सारखा घराँत थेव । मग तो तेथेन उठून वापाशीचे ह्रीं आला । वापाशीन येताना तेस दुरनु अडतला नी तेस तेची दया आली नी तेणा धावत जाजन तेच्या गळेस वेंग मारलीन नी त्याचा मुका घेतलान । तेव्हाँ मुलान वापाशी: म्हटलान कीं मी तुज्या समोर देवाचा अपराध केलाय आणि तुम्हा मूल म्हणून घेवेची योग्यता मज हायली नाई । तर तूँ आताँ मज आपला मानाया सारखा थेव । मग वापाशीन मानायाँ. साद घातलान नी सांगितलान एक चकोटसा पोशाख आणा नी छेस घाला, आणि छेचे हाताँत घालास एक मुदी नी पायाँत घालास जुताँ द्या । आणि आमी जेवुयाँ आणि मग मौज मारयाँ । कारण हा माझा मूल मेलला तो आज जिवा झालाय आणि नायसा झालला तो आज मज गावला ॥

[No 28]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

KARNĀDĪ DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mām'sih dōn mul'gē hōtē Tēnt'lā dhāk'tā mūl bāpāsīh
One man-to two sons were Them in-from younger son father to
 mhanīlā, 'tūjē kadēn dzā-kāy dabōlā hāy, tēnt'lā dzā-kāy madz
said, 'of-thee at whatever property is, that-in-from whatever me-to
 yitā tā madz dē' Mag bāpāsīn āp'lē bōnāvē-tsē vātē
comes that me-to give' Then the-father-by his-own property-of divisions
 karūn tēs dūlē Thōdyā-ts dīsāt dhāk'tyā mūlān
having-made to them were given A-few only in-days the-younger son-by
 dzā-kāy āp'nās illā tā ek'thāy kēlān nī tō mag gharīn-nū
whatever to-him came that together was-made and he then house-from
 bhār dzāūn lāmb'chyā ekā gāvās rhāy'lā Ānī tēntā tē nā
out having-gone distant one to-village lived And there him-by
 dzā-kāy hōtā tyā-chī vāt-lā'lin. Mag dzēdh'vā tē-tsē-kadē kāy
whatever was that-of was-squandered Then when him-of-with anything
 nāy'sā dzhālā tēdh'vā tyā gāvāt mōthā dukal pad'lā, ānī tēs khāvēs
not-as became then that into-village great famine fell, and to-him to-eat
 uc'hēs mūc-nā sā dzhālā Tēdh'vā tō tyā gāvāt'lyā ekā sāv'kārā-tsē
to-dine was-not-got-so became Then he that village-in-of one rich-man-of
 rhī rhāy'lā Tc-nā tēs āp'le malēt duk'rā rākhās dhād'lān
in-house lived Him-by to-him his-own into-field sicure to-tend it-was-sent
 Tēdh'vā duk'rā dzō kuṇḍā khāit tō suddhā khāūn tō pōṭ bharās
Then the-sicure which husks ate that even having-eaten he belly to-fill
 baghī, pan tēs kōnī kāy dilā nāy Tēvā tē-tsē dōlē
would-see, but to-him (by-)anyone anything was-given not Then his eyes
 ughad'lē, ānī tēs vāt'lā, 'mādzhē bāpāsī-tsē rhī kīt'kē
opened, and to-him it-appeared, 'my father-of in-house how-many
 mānāyāh pōṭ-bhar khāūn urē it'ki bhāk'rī mūt'tē, ānī
to-servants belly-full having-eaten would-be spared so-much bread is-got, and
 mī asā upāsī martō Mī ātā uṭhūn bāpāsī-kadē dzāin
I thus without-food die I now having-risen father-to will-go
 nī bāpāsīh sāngēn kī, "mī Dēvā-chī tsūk kēlī hāy, nī tī
and father-to will-tell that, "by-me God-of fault made is, and that

tudzē samōi, tēvā tudzhā mul mhanās madz yōgv'tā nāī Tar
of-thee before, then thy son to-be-called me-to fitness is-not Then
 ātā tū madz manāyā sār'khā gharāt thēv'' Mag tō tēh'na
now thou me-to a-servant like into-house keep'' Then he from-there
 uṭhūn bāpāsi-tsē rhī ālā Bāpāsin yētā-nā tēs
having-isen father-of to-house came The-father-by while-coming to-him
 dur nu baīt'lā, nī tēs tē-ohī dayā āli, nī tē-nā
from-a-distance was-seen and to-him his compassion came, and him-by
 dhāvat dzāun tē-chyā galēs vēng mār'lin, nī tyā-tsā mukā
running having-gone of-him to-neck embracing was-struck, and his kiss
 ghēt'lān Tēvhā mulān bāpāsih mhaṭ'lān kī, 'mī tujyā
was-taken Then the-son-by the-father-to it-was-said that, (by-)me of-thee
 samōi Dēvā-tsā ap'rādh kēlay, āni tudzhā mūl mhanūn ghēvē-chi
before God-of am done-is, and thy son having-said taking-of
 yōgv'tā madz ihāy'li nāī Tār tū ātā madz āp'lā mānāyā
fitness me-to remained not Then thou now me-to thy-own a-servant
 sār'khā thēv' Mag bāpāsin mānāyāh sād ghāt'lān nī sāngit'lān,
like keep' Then the-father-by servants-to word was-put and it-was-told,
 'ēk tsakōt-sā pōsākh ānā nī hyēs ghālā, āni hyē-tsē hātāt ghālās
'one excellent dress bring and to-this put, and of-this on-the-hand to-put
 ēk mudī nī pāvāt ghālās dzutā dvā Āni āmī jēvuyā āni mag
one ring and on-the-feet to-put shoes give And we let-dine and then
 maudz mār'yā Kāian hā madzhā mūl mēl'lā, tō ādz jivā
merry let-make Because this my son was-dead, he to-day alive
 dzhālāy, āni nāy'sā dzhāl'lā, tō ādz madz gāv'lā'
has-become, and lost had-become, he to-day me-to was-found'

GHĀTĪ.

Ghāṭī is the dialect spoken in the Western Ghats between Kolaba and the Bhoi State. Like other dialects in the territory bordering on the Dekhan, it shares some of the characteristics of the Marāṭhī of that area. Thus, the cerebral *d* is preserved after vowels, and the cerebral *l* is not always changed to *l̥*, compare *ghōdā*, a horse, *dōḷā*, an eye. The present tense of finite verbs has the same form as in the Dekhan. Thus, *mī d-ātō*, I go, *tū d-ātōs*, thou goest.

The verb substantive forms its present tense as in the Konkani, thus, singular, 1, *hāy*, 2, *hats*, 3, *hāy*, plural, 1, *hāū*, 2, *hāy'sā*, 3, *hāy'ti*. The form *hāy'sā* is peculiar, and no instances of its use are available. The verb substantive is probably also contained in forms such as *d-ātōyā*, he goes, *dyētōyās*, thou art giving, *kēlāyā*, it is done, etc.

In most respects, however, the short specimen which follows will show that Ghāṭī is simply a form of the Konkani Standard of Marāṭhī.

[No 29]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀṬHĪ

KONKANI STANDARD

GHĀTĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

यका मानसाला दोन ल्याक व्हत । आन धाकला ल्याक बाला म्हनाला, वावा, माज्या वाटनीची जिनगानी माला ये । आन वान आपली जिनगानी त्येसनी वाटून-शानी दिली । आन लै दीस काई जाल नाहीती इकत्या मंदी धाकल्या ल्याकान समद यका जागी गोळा क्येल आन यका दूर देसाला निघून-शानी गेला, आन तय आपली जिनगानी समदी व्हाटल तस खर्च करून गमावली । आन समदी खर्चल्या-वर त्या देसा-मदी दाडगा दुकल पडला, आन त्येची उपास-मार चालली । आन त्यो मग त्या देसच्या यका पाठरपेशा-कड जाऊन चाकरी हायला । आन त्येन त्येला आपल्या शेता-मदी डुकर पोसाया लावला । आन डुकर ठरपाल खात ती खुशाल खाऊन त्येन आपल प्वाट भरून घेतल असत । का म्हनाल, तर त्येला कोनी-बी कायी दोई-ना । आन मग त्येला सूद आली आन म्हनाला माज्या वाच्या रोजगास्या-मदी कैकानाला प्वाट भरून उर इकती भाकर मिलतीया, आन मी भुका मरतोया । मी आता उटून-शानी वा-कड जाऊन त्येला म्हनन, वावा देवाचा मी गुना आन तुज्या म्होर क्येला, आन तुजा ल्याक म्हनून घ्याया सारखा बी मी नाही । तब तू मला रोजगास्या सारखा ठेव । आन त्यो उटून आपल्या वा जवल आला ॥

[No 29]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD

GHĀTĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Yakā	mān'sā-lā	dōn	lyāk	v'hata	Ān	dhāk'lā	lyāk	bā-lā
One	man-to	two	sons	were	And	the-younger	son	father-to
mhanālā,	'bābā,	mālyā	vāt'nī-chī	jun'gānī	mā-lā	dyē'	Ān	
said,	'father,	my	share-of	property	me-to	give'	And	
bān	āp'li	jun'gānī	tyēs-nī	vātūn-sānī	dīli	Ān	lai	
the-father-by	his-own	property	them-to	having-divided	was-given	And	many	
dīs	kāi	dzāla	nahiti	ik'tyā	mandi	dhāk'lyā	lyākān	sam'da
days	some	became	not	that-much	in	the-younger	son-by	all
yakā	dzāgi	gōlā	kyēla	ān	yakā	dūn	dēsā-lā	
one	in-place	collected	was made	and	one	far	country-to	
nighūn-sānī	gyēlā	Ān	tatha	āp'li	jun'gānī	sam'di		
having-departed	he went	And	there	his-own	property	all		
v'hāt'la	tasa	khaits	kaiūn	gamāv'li.	Ān			
it-seemed-(to-him)	thus	spending	having-made	was-squandered	And			
sam'di	khaits'lyā-vai	tyā	dēsā-mandī	dāndagā	dukal	pad'lā,		
all	spending-after	that	country-in	mighty	famine	fell,		
ān	tyē-chī	upās-māi	tsāl'li	Ān	tyō	mang	tyā	dēs'chvā
and	his	starvation	began	And	he	then	that	country-of
yakā	pāndhar-pēsī-kada	dzāūn	tsāk'li	rhāy'lā,	ān	tyēn		
one	citizen-near	having-gone	in-service	remained,	and	him-by		
tyē-lā	āp'lyā	śctī-mundī	duk'ra	pōsāyā	lāv'lā	Ān		
him	his	fields in	some	to-feed	was-employed	And		
duk'ra	tar'pāl	khāt	tī	khusāl	khāūn	tyēn	āp'la	
some	husks	were-eating	those	gladly	having-eaten	him-by	his	
prat	bharūn	ghēt'la	as'ta,	kā,	mhanāl,			
be'ly	having-filled	taken	would-have-been,	why,	(if-)you-will-say,			
tar	tyē-li	kōnī-bī	kāi	dyēi-nā	Ān	mag		
then	him-to	anyone-even	anything	would-not-give	And	then		
tyē-lā	sūd	āh,	ān	mhanālā,	'mijvā	ba-chvā	rōdz-gāyā-mandī	
him-to	sense	came, and	he-said,	'my	father-of	servants-among		

kaikānā-lā pvāt bharūn ura ik'ti bhākar mil'tiyā,
several-to belly having-filled might-be-spared so-much bread is-got,
 ān mī bhukā mar'tōyā Mī ātā uṭūn-sānī bā-kada dzāūn
and I hungry am-dying I now having-arisen father-to having-gone
 tyē-lā mhanan, "bābā, Dēvū-tsā mī gunā ān tujyā mhōr
him-to will-say, "father, God-of by-me sin and thee before
 kyēlā Ān tudzā lyāk mhanūn ghyāyā sār'khā bī mī nāhī
was-done And thy son having-said to-take worthy even I am-not
 Tar tū ma-lā rōdz-gāryā sār'khā ṭhēv''' Ān tyō uṭūn
Then thou me servant like keep''' And he having-arisen
 āp'lyī bā dzaval ālā.
his father near came

SANGAMĒSVARĪ

Sangamēśvarī is the language of Sangameshvar, in the Derrukh Taluka of Ratnagiri. It has already been stated that the name is often used to denote the current language from Bombay to Rajapur, where it meets with Kudāḷī, the northernmost dialect of Kōṅkanī.

Specimens of Sangamēśvarī have been received from Ratnagiri, Janjira, Kolaba, and Bombay. The specimens forwarded from Ratnagiri, Janjira, and Kolaba, and professing to be written in Sangamēśvarī, have proved to be ordinary specimens of the common Marāṭhī of the Dekhan, and this latter form of speech seems to be used by the educated classes. The specimens received from Kolaba, however, contain occasional slips, which show that some form of the Konkan Standard must be current in that district. Thus, we find *pānī sirlā*, the water entered, where *sirlā* is the Konkan form corresponding to *śirlā* in the Dekhan.

It is not, however, possible to decide how many of the inhabitants of Ratnagiri, Janjira, and Kolaba speak the Dekhan form of Marāṭhī, and the estimates of the numbers of speakers forwarded for the use of this survey have, therefore, been put down as they have been received. See above pp 33 and 64.

For our knowledge of Sangamēśvarī we are thus reduced to the specimen received from Bombay Town, which has been printed below. It represents a form of speech which is, in all essentials, the Konkan Standard of Marāṭhī. In some details, however, it agrees with the dialects spoken to the south of Rajapur.

E and *o* are apparently both long and short, as is the case in Kōṅkanī. The short pronunciation must be inferred from writings such as *dikil*, for *dēkil*, even, *hutā*, for *hōtā*, was

Cerebral *d* after vowels remains, as is also the case in Kōṅkanī, thus, *ghōdā*, a horse.

The nominative singular masculine of demonstrative and relative pronouns ends in *ā*, thus, *hā*, this, *tā*, that, *d-ā*, who.

The verb substantive forms its present as follows,—singular, 1, *hāy*, 2, *hāy's*, 3, *hāy*, plural, 1, *hāv*, 2, *hāv*, 3, *hāt*. Similarly the present tense of finite verbs is *mī mār'tā(y)*, I strike, 2, *mār'tāy's*, 3, *mār'tāy*, plural, 1, *mār'tāv*, 2, *mār'tāv*, 3, *mār'tāy't*, and *mār'tāt*.

In these forms, as in all other essential points, Sangamēśvarī closely agrees with the Konkan Standard of Marāṭhī, as will be seen from the specimen which follows.

[No 30]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KONKAN STANDARD

SANGAMESVARI DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN)

एका मनुष्यास दोन लेक व्हते । आनी त्यांतला धाकटा आपल्या वापास म्हनाला, बाबा तुमच्या जिनगीचा जा हिंसा माभ्या वाँटणीस येळ ता मला देस । मग त्यान त्यांसनी आपल्या जिनगीची वाँटणी करून दिली । आनी मग थोड्याच दिसांत धाकट्या लेकान आपला सगला पैसा अडका गोला केलान नी परागदा झाला । तिकड त्यान आपला सगला पैसा अडका ख्यालगिरी करून घालवलान । आनी जवाँ तिरकीस म्हाग झाला तवाँ त्या देसांत मोटा दुकल पडला नी च्यास उपास पडूँ लागल । मग त्या गाँवांतल्या एका समरत गिरेस्ता जवल गेला नी त्या गिरेस्तान च्यास डुकरँ चारायास शेता-वर धाडलान, नीडुकरँ जा कुंडा खायत ता खाऊन दिकील झान्यास ता राजी झाला पन त्यास कोन काय देय-ना । जवाँ सुदी-वर आला तवाँ ता बोलला माभ्या बाबाच्या घरांत किती कामकरी पोटा-भर खातायत नी दुसऱ्यांस घालतायत नी मी हतँ भुक्कन मरताँ । मी उठून वापसा-कडे जायन नी त्यास म्हनन बाबा तुज्या डोल्याँ समुर मी परमेसराचँ पाप केलँ नी लोकाँनीं मला तुजा लेक म्हनावँ अशी काय आताँ माजी लायकी नाय । तवाँ आताँ मला घरांत कामकऱ्या सारखा रावायस ठेव । असँ म्हनून ता ततन उठला नी वापसा-कडे आला । त्याच्या वापसान त्यास लाव असताँना पाच्चलान नी त्यास दया आली नी धाँवला नी त्यास मिटी मारलान नी त्याचा मुका घेतलान । मग लेकान वापास सांगितलान बाबा तुज्या देकत मी परमेसराचँ पाप केलँ । तवाँ आताँ मला तुजा लेक म्हनून ध्यायची सरम वाटते । पन वापसान गड्यास-नी सांगितलान अरे च्यास चागल्यांत चांगलीं-सीं कापडेँ न्हेसायास देसा नी च्याच्या हातांत आंगठी घाला नी पायांत घालायस पायतन देसा नी पोटाभर खावन पिवन आजचा वकत मजा मारा । कारन हा माजा लेक मेला व्हता ता आज जिता झाला साडला व्हता ता आज मला गवसला । तवाँ ते आनदांत गरक झाले ॥

त्याचा थोरला लेक मल्लेंत व्हता । ता घरा जवल जवाँ येतोय तवाँ त्यास गानँ नाचनँ ऐकायस आलँ । तवाँ त्यान एका गड्यास साद घातलान नी

हेँ काय म्हनून इचारलान । तवाँ त्या गड्यान सागितलान तुजा भाव आलाय नी ता कुशाल परत आलाय म्हनून हा सन तुज्या बापसान केलान । तवाँ त्यास कोप आला नी ता घरांत काय जायना म्हनून बापूस भायर आला नी त्याच्या इनवऱ्या करायस लागला । लेकान बापसास परत बोलनं केलान वावा आज इतकीं वर्स मी तुज्या कड खपतीं नी तुजा हुकूम कही मोडला नाय । असँ असून तूँ मला सोबत्याँ-बरोबर वसून पोस्त करायस एक शेलडुँ सुद्दाँ दिलेंस नायस । नी ज्यानं तुजा सगला पैका रांड-मर्दीं घालवलान ता हा तुजा लेक आल्या-बरावर त्याच्या नावान सन करतोस । त्या-वर बापूस लेकास बोलला तूँ माजे जवल रोजचा असतोस नी जँ काय माजँ तें तुजँच । पन आपुन सर्वीनी आनन करावा हेँ चांगलें हार । कारन हा तुजा भाव मेलला व्हता ता जिता झाला नी जा सांडला व्हता ता पुना गावला ॥

[No 30]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

KONKAN STANDARD

SANGAMEŚVARĪ DIALECT

(BOMBAY TOWN)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā manushyās dōn lēk vhatē Ānī tyāt'lā dhāk'tā
Certain to-a-man two sons were And them-in-from the-younger
 āp'lyā bāpās mhanālā, 'bābā, tujhyā jūn'gī-tṣā dzā hūsā
his-own to-father said, 'father, thy property-of which share
 mājhyā vāt'nīs yēl tā ma-lā dēs' Mag tyā-na tyās-nī āp'lyā
my to-share will-come that me-to give' Then him-by to-them his-own
 jūn'gī-ohī vāt'nī karūn dilī Ānī mag thōdyā-tṣ disāt
property-of division having-made was-given And then a-few-only in-days
 dhāk'tyā lēhān āp'lā sag'lā paisā-ad'kā gōlā kēlān
the-younger by-son his-own entire money-and-other-things together was-made
 nī parāgandā dzhālā Tik'da tyā-na āp'lā sag'lā paisā-ad'kā
and vagrant he-became There him-by his-own entire money-and-other-things
 khyāl-girī karūn ghālav'lān, ānī dzavā tirkīs mḥag
licentiousness having-done was-squandered, and when to-a-pre wanting
 dzhālā tavā tyā dēsāt mōtā dukal pad'lā nī hyās upās
he-became then that in-country great famine fell and to-this fasting
 padū lāg'la Mag tyā gāvāt'lyā ēkā sam'rat girēstā-dzaval
to-fall began Then that village-in-from one rich householder-near
 gēlā, nī tyā girēstān hyās duk'rā tsārāyās sētā-var dhād'lān,
went, and that by-householder to-this some to-gaze the-field-to it-was-sent,
 nī duk'rā dzā kundā khāy't tā khāūn dikil rhānyās tā rāji
and some which husks ate that having-eaten even to-live he ready
 dzhālā, pan tyās kōn kāy dēy-nā Dzavā sudī-var
became, but to-him anyone anything would-give-not When senses-on
 ālā tavā tā bōl'lā, 'mājhyā bābā-chyā gharāt kitī kām-karī pōt-bhar
came then he said, 'my father's house-in how-many workers belly-full
 khātāy't nī dus'ryās ghāl'tāy't, nī mī hatā bhukan martā Mī
eat and to-others gave, and I here by-hunger die I
 uthūn bāp'sā-kadē dzāy'n nī tyās mhanan, "bābā, tujyā dōlyā
having-arisen father-to will-go and to-him will-say, "father, thy eyes

samur mi Par^{mēs}rā-tsā pāp kēlā nī lōkā-nī ma-lā tudzā
before by-me God-of son was-done and the-people-by me-to thy
lēk mhanāvā aśi kāy ātā māji lāy^{ki} nāy Tavā ātā ma-lā
son it-should-be-said such what now my fitness is-not Then now me-to
gharāt kām-karyā sār^{khā} rābāy^s thēv^{''} Asā mhanūn tā tata-na
in-the-house a-worker like to-labour keep^{''} So saying he from-there
uth^{lā} nī bāp^{sā}-kadē ālā Tyā-ohyā bāp^{sān} tyūs lāmb as^{tā}-nā
arose and father-to came His father-by him distant while-he-was
pāhy^{lān} nī tyās dayā ālī nī dhāv^{lā} nī tyūs miti
it-was-seen and to-him pity came and he-an and to-him embracing
mār^{lān} nī tyā-tsā mukā ghēt^{lān} Mag lekān bāpās
was-struck and his kiss was-taken Then by-the-son to-the-father
sāngit^{lān}, 'bābā, tujyā dēkat mī Par^{mēs}rā-tsā pāp kēlā
it-was-said, 'father, thy in-presence by-me God-of son was-done.
Tavā ātā ma-lā tudzā lēk mhanūn ghyāy-ohī saiam vāṭ^{tē} Pan
Then now me-to thy son having-said taking-of shame appears' But
bāp^{sān} gadyās-nī sāngit^{lān}, 'aiē, hyās tsāng^{lyāt} tsāng^{lī}-sī
by-the-father to-the-servants it-was-told, 'O, to-this good-among good-such
kāp^{dē} nhēsāyās dēsā, nī hyā-ohyā hātāt āng^{thī} gālā nī pāyāt
clothes to-wear give, and of-this in-hand a-ring put and on-feet
ghālāy^s pāy^{tana} dēsā, nī pōt-bhai khāvⁿ-pivⁿ ādz-tsā
to-put sandals give, and belly-full having-eaten-and-drunk to-day-of
vakat madzā wārā Kāran, hā mādzā lēk mēlā vhatā, tā ādz
time merriment make Because, this my son dead was, he to day
jūtā dzhālā, sānd^{lā} hutā, tā ādz ma-lā gavas^{lā} Tavā tē ānandāt
alive became, lost was, he to-day me-to is-found' Then they in-joy
garak dzhālō
absorbed became

Tyā-tsā thōr^{lā} lēk malyēt vhatā, tā gharā-dzaval dzavā yētōy
His eldest son in-the-field was, he house-near when came
tavā tyās gānā nāts^{nā} aikāy^s ālā Tavā tyā-na ākā gadyās
then to-him singing dancing to-hear came Then him-by one to-servant
sād ghāt^{lān} nī, 'hē kāy?' mhanūn itsār^{lān} Tavā tyā
word was-put and, 'this what?' saying it-was-asked Then that
gadyān sāngit^{lān}, 'tudzā bhāv ālāy, nī tā kuśāl parat ālāy
by-servant it-was-told, 'thy brother is-come, and he safe back is-come
mhanūn hā san tujyā bāp^{sān} kēlān' Tavā tyās hōp ālā,
therefore this festival thy father-by is-made' Then to-him anger came,
nī tā gharāt kāy dzāv-nā Mhanūn bāpūs bhāyⁿ ālā
and he in-the-house at all would-not go Therefore the-father out came

nī tyā-ohyā mav'nyā karāy's lig'lā Lēkān bāp'sās parat
and him-of entreaties to-make began The-son-by to-the-father in-return
 bōl'nā kēlān, 'bābā, ādz it'kī varsā mī tuyyā-kada khap'tō nī
speech was-made, 'father, to-day so-many years I of-thee-near labour and
 tudzā hukūm kaddi mōd'lā nāy Asā asūn tū ma-lā
thy order ever was-broken not This being by-thee me-to
 sōb'tyā-barōbar basūn pōst karāy's ēk sēl'dū suddā dilās
friends-with sitting a-feast to-make one small-goat even was-given-by-thee
 nāy's Nī jyā-nā tudzā sag'lā paikā rānd-mandī ghālav'lān tā
not And whom-by thy all money harlots-among has-been-spent that
 hā tudzā lēk ālyā-barābar tyā-chyā nāvān san kar'tōs '
this thy son came-as-soon-as of-him in-the-name a-festival makest'
 Tyā-rar bāpūs lēkās bōl'lā, 'tū mādžē-dzaval rōdz-tsā as'tōs
Upon-that the-father to-the-son said, 'thou me-with always art
 nī dzā-kāy mādžā tē tudzā-ts Pan āpun sarvā-nī ānan
and whatever mine-(is) that thine-alone-(is) But us all-by joy
 karāvā hē tsāng'lā hāy Kāran, hā tudzā bhāv mēl'lā vhatā,
should-be-made this good is Because, this thy brother dead was,
 tā jītā dzhālā, nī dzā sūd'lā vhatā, tā punā gāv'lā '
he alive has-become, and who lost was, he again is-found'

BĀNKŌTĪ

'The variety of Sangamēśvarī spoken by Muhammadans is usually called Bānkōṭī, *i.e.*, strictly speaking, the dialect of Bankot, in the Mandangad Taluka of Ratnagiri. It closely agrees with Sangamēśvarī. The pronouns 'that' and 'who' are, however, *tō* and *dzō*, respectively, and the present tense of finite verbs is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī mār'tō*, I strike

The Hindōstānī suffix *vālā* is used to form nouns of agency, thus, *sēt'vālā*, a cultivator, *dukān'vālā*, a shopkeeper.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will be sufficient to show the general character of the dialect

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MARĀTHĪ

KONKAN STANDARD.

BĀNKŌTĪ DIALECT

(MANDANGAD, DISTRICT RATNAGIRI)

कोन एका मानसास दोन मुलग होती । आनि त्या-पैकीं धाकटा आपल्या वापास म्हतला, वावा, आमच्या मालमत्त्या-पैकीं जो हिंसा माझ्या वाव्याचा आसल तो मला द्यावा । आनि त्यान आपली मालमत्ता त्यांजला वाटून-शान दिली । फुडे थोड्या दिसांनीं त्या धाकट्या मुलाची जी काय झुष्टक होती ती सगली गोला करून-शानि तो एका दूर द्यासा-मदीं गेला । थिते चैनी-वाजी-मदीं सगली आपली दौलत घालवली । जवां आपली सगली दौलत त्यान घालवली, तवां त्या द्यासात मोटा दुकल पडला । आनि तो भिकारी भाल्या-मुले त्यास खाया-पिया मिले-नाय-सां भालां । आनि त्या द्यासा-मदीं याका शारात जाजन-शानि एक्या गिरस्ता-कडे तो चाकरीस झाला । त्या गिरस्तान आपली डुकरां राखाय त्याला आपल्या शाता-मदीं धाडला । आनि ते येलस डुकरां जां भुसकाट खात होतीं तां जरी त्याला कोनी दिलो असतां तरी तां खान्यास तो तयार होता ॥

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KONKAN STANDARD

BĀNKŌTĪ DIALECT

(MANDANGAD, DISTRICT RATNAGIRI)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōn	ēkā	mān'sās	dōn	mul'ga	hōtē	Ānī	tyā-paikī
<i>Certain</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>to-man</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>them-fr om-among</i>
dhāk'tā	āp'lyā	bāpās	mhat'lā,	'bābā,	ām-ohyā	māl'mattyā-paikī	
<i>the-younger</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>to-father</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>property-fr om-among</i>	
dzō	hisā	mājyā	vātyā-tgā	āsal	tō	ma-lā	dyāvā ' Ānī
<i>what</i>	<i>share</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>share-of</i>	<i>may-be</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>me-to</i>	<i>should-be-given ' And</i>
tyān	āp'li	māl'mattā	tyādz-lā	vātūn-sān	dli	Phudē	
<i>by-him</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>them-to</i>	<i>having-divided</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>Afterwards</i>	
thōdyā	disā-nī	tyā	dhāk'tyā	mulā-ohi	jī-kāy	ishtak	hōti ti sag'li
<i>a-few</i>	<i>days-in</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>younger</i>	<i>son-of</i>	<i>whatever</i>	<i>estate</i>	<i>was that all</i>
gōlā	karūn-sānī	tō	ēkā	dūn	dyāsā-madī	gēlā	Thitē
<i>together</i>	<i>having-made</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>distant</i>	<i>country-into</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>There</i>
chamī-bāji-madī	sag'li	āp'li	daulat	ghālav'li	Dzavā	āp'li	sag'li
<i>luxurious-living-in</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>was-wasted</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>
daulat	tyān	ghālav'li,	tavā	tyā	dyāsāt	mōtā	dukāl pad'lā, ānī
<i>property</i>	<i>by-him</i>	<i>was-wasted,</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>country-in</i>	<i>great</i>	<i>famine</i>
tō	bhikārī	dzhālyā-mulē	tyās	khāyā-piyā	mulē-nāy-sā		
<i>he</i>	<i>beggar</i>	<i>having-become-owing-to</i>	<i>to-him</i>	<i>to-eat-and-to-drink</i>	<i>was-got-not-thus</i>		
dzhālā	Ānī	tyā	dyāsā-madī	yākā	śārāt	dzāūn-sānī	ēkyā
<i>it-became</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>country-into</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>in-town</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>one</i>
girastā-kadē	tō	tsāk'ris	ihālā	Tyā	girastān	āp'li	duk'rā
<i>householder-near</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>for-service</i>	<i>remained</i>	<i>That</i>	<i>householder-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>swine</i>
rākhāy	tyā-lā	āp'lyā	sātā-madī	dhād'lā	Ānī	tē-yēlas	duk'rā
<i>to-keep</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>field-into</i>	<i>was-sent</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>at-that-time</i>	<i>the-swine</i>
dzā	bhus'kāt	khāt	hōtī	tā	dzarī	tyā-lā	kōnī dūlā as'tā
<i>which</i>	<i>husks</i>	<i>eating</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>even-if</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>(by-)anybody</i>
tai	tā	khānyās	tō	tayā	hōtā		
<i>still</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>to-eat</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>ready</i>	<i>was</i>		

BROKEN DIALECTS OF THANA AND THE KONKAN. -

The various forms of speech dealt with in the preceding pages represent one and the same main dialect, with slight local variations. There are, besides, a few dialects spoken in Thana and neighbourhood which are of a more mixed nature.

To these belong Kātkarī or Kāthōdī, which is originally a Bhil dialect closely related to Khāndēśī, but has now been so much influenced by Marāṭhī that it can conveniently be classed as a dialect of that form of speech.

Another dialect of a similar kind is Vārli. The Vārli, as also the Kātkarīs, are said to be more like the Bhils than the Kōlis. Their dialect is still more influenced by Marāṭhī than Kātkarī.

Lastly there are three small dialects in Thana, *viz.*, Vād'val, Phud'gi, and Sāmvēdī, which still have preserved many of the characteristic features of Gujarātī Bhili.

KĀTHŌDĪ OR KĀTKARĪ

The Kātkarīs are a forest tribe inhabiting the mountain fastnesses in the Konkan and the Sahyadri Hills. Their name is usually derived from *kath*, catechu, which they extract from the terra japonica, or *khair* tree. Their dialect is sometimes called Kātkarī and sometimes Kāthōdī or Kātvadī. The numbers of speakers which have been returned for the use of the Linguistic Survey are as follows,—

Khandesh	110
Thana	44,500
Jawhar State	450
Janjira State	700
Kolaba	30,940
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TOTAL	76,700

No specimens have been received from Khandesh and Jawhar. The dialect spoken in Thana, Janjira, and Kolaba is not everywhere the same. The base is, however, identical throughout, and Kāthōdī must be derived from a form of speech closely related to Khāndēśī. The influence of the surrounding Marāṭhī dialects has, on the other hand, been so strong that the speech of the Kātkarīs all over the Konkan now looks like a form of Marāṭhī. Their dialect is, accordingly, no more pure.

The suffix of the genitive is *nā*, thus, *bāhās-nā*, of a father. Here the oblique form *bāhās* corresponds to *bāpās* in the Marāṭhī of the Konkan, while the suffix agrees with Khāndēśī and Gujarātī. The Marāṭhī form in *tgā* is also used, thus, *mājyā bā-chyā tgākā ā-lā*, to the servants of my father. Similarly we find *ghai ā-mā* and *ghai āt*, in the house, *sōhā ā* and *sōhā ē*, sons, *mā-nā*, my, *tu-nā*, thy, and *tujhyā samōi*, before thee, *tō*, that, and *yē(ghōdā)*, this (horse).

The verb substantive forms its present tense as follows,—

Singular, 1, *āhā*, 2, *āhās*, 3, *āhā*, plural, 1, *āhāv*, 2, *āhā*, 3, *āhāt* and *āhāt*. The past tense is 1, *hat(ā)*, 2, *hatā(s)*, 3, *hatā*, plural, 1, *hatāv*, 2, *hatā*, 3, *hatāt* or *hutāt*. Another base *hī* occurs in forms such as *hīnā*, he was, *hīnāt*, they were, *hī-hīna* and *hīn*, having been. Besides, we often meet with Marāṭhī forms such as *hōtā*, he was

The verb substantive is very commonly added to the base or the present participle in order to form a periphrastic present, thus, *mā dāhā*, or *dātā-hā*, I go, *mā marā-hā*, I die, *tē kḥapahant*, they work. This seems to be the regular present tense. Other forms are *luṭhas*, thou beatest, *rahas*, thou livest, he lives, *yēha* and *yēhē*, he comes, *vātēha*, it appears. Compare Khāndēśī *maras*, present singular of *ma-na*, to die.

The past tense is formed as in Khāndēśī, thus, *gyā*, he went, *ānā*, he came, *rah'nā*, and *rah'nā-hā*, he lived, *ad'tsan pad-nī*, difficulty arose, *yē kōnā-pasūn ikat lādās*, from whom did you buy this? *mā pāp karā-hā*, I have sinned. The subject is, as the last instance shows, often put in the nominative when the verb agrees with the object.

Instances of the conjunctive participle are *khāt-nā*, having eaten, *vātīhīn*, having divided, *hīn*, having come, *māl'matā sōpī tākī*, the property having squandered was thrown, the property was squandered away.

The specimens which follow will show that the appearance of Kāthōdī is now, to a great extent, that of a Marāṭhī dialect, but that the originally different character is still easily recognised.

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MARATHI

KATHODI DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

SPECIMEN I

एकी वाहासला दोन सोहरा होतात। त्यांतला लहान सोहरा वाहासला इसा आख, वा आपला काय आहो त्यांतला वाटा माला दे। मंग त्यानी वाटीहीन दिना। मंग तो पैसा लीहीन दूर मुलुखांत गया। त्यानी तिकडे जाहीन सारा पैसा उडवा। आनि तठ दुकल पडना। तठ त्यानी अडचन पडनी। तधवां त्या-पा काँहीं नाहीं। मंग तो सवकारा-कड चाकरी रहाना। त्यान इसा आखाँ डुकराँ चारुला ज। तठ खावला काय नाहीं। तवाँ डुकराँ खाइनोँ टाकत तो फ़ोल मा खाइ रहोँ, इस त्यानी मनात आनँ। त्याला कोनी काही ओपेलँ नाहीं। मंग तो शुद्धि-वर आना। माने वासने घर वहु गडी खपहंत, त्याला पोठभर भाकर मिळइ। मा भुकेने मराहोँ। मा उठीन वाहोँस-कड जाईन वाहोँस मा आखीन वा मा वाहासनी देखत देवानी उलट पाप कराहोँ। आता-पसून तुना सोहरा मा नाहीं। माला गड्या-सारा ठ्येव। इसा म्हणून तो त्यान वाहास-कडे गया। तो दूर होता ते त्याला वासनी हेरा। त्याने मनांत वाइट वाटना। तो धावदी गया आनी त्यानी वगडीला मिठी मारी वाहासनी त्याला गुळा दिना। मंग वाहास-ला सोहरा आख, वा मातुभ्या-समूर देवानी उलट पाप कराहोँ। आताँ माने वाहासना माला नाव आखुला लाज वाटेइ। वा गड्याला म्हने, ज नी माने सोहराला चकोट अंगरखा घाल। त्यान होतात आगुठली घाल, आनि त्यानी पायमाँ जोडा घाल। मंग आपण सगळे जण खाँव नी सण करूँ। कारण माना सोहरा मरनेल तो जिवा धीना, तो गयेल तो आना। मंग ते सण करूँ लागनात ॥

ओढ्यांत वडील सोहरा शेतांत होता। तो आपले घर आना तो हेरे गाना नी नाच होता। त्यान गड्याला वाहरा आनि गड्याला सोद होता, ईँ काय। मंग गडी आँख तुना भाजस आना, आनि वासला व्यस रीतिन भेटना, म्हणून तठ मोठी जेवणावळ घालीही। तो रागीना घरांत जा नाही। त्याना वास वाहेर इहीन त्याला समजवला लागना। मोढ्या सोहऱ्यानी वाहासला आँखाँ, ईँ हेर,

ओढा वसां तुनी चाकरी करी, तुनी गोष्ट मा कदी मोडेल नाहीं । तरी माने मैतरा वरोबर मयी खुशाली करी म्हणून वोकड्या आम्हांस दिन्हेल नाहीं । आनि तुनी धाकटे सोहऱ्यानी जिंदगी कसविणी वरोबर नार्दी लगना नी उडावी टाकी, त्यासाठी ओढी मोठी जेवणावळ कसा करीस । तेधवां वाद्दासनी सोहराला आखाँ, सोहरा, तू माने पाटी नेहमी आह्वाँस, माना काय आह्वाँ ती सगळा तुनाच आह्वाँ । मजा करवाँ हसवाँ खिळवाँ वँ करूला हता । कारन तुना भाऊस मरना हता तो जिवा थीहीन आना; जो गयेल तो आताँ साँपडना ॥

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MARATHI

KĀTHŌDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT KOLABA)

SPECIMEN I

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēkē bāhās-lā dōn sōh¹ā hatāt Tyāt¹lā lahān sōh¹rā bāhās-lā
One father-to two sons were Them-among the-younger son father-to
 isā ākha, 'bā, āp¹lā kāy āhā, tyāt¹lā vātā mā-lā dyē' Mang
so said, 'father, sons what is, that-in-from share me-to give' Then
 tvā-nī vātāhīn dīnā Mang tō paisā lihīn dūi mulukhāt
him-by having-divided was-given Then he money having-taken far in-country
 gyā Tyā-nī tik¹dē dzāhīn sārā paisā ud¹vā Ānī tatha duka!
went Him-by there having-gone all money was-squandered And there famine
 pad¹nā Tatha tyā-nī ad¹tsan pad¹nī Tadhavā tyā-pā kāhī nāhī
arose There him-of difficulty arose Then him-near anything was-not
 Mang tō sav¹kārā-kada tsāk¹ī rahā-nā Tyā-na isā ākhā, 'duk¹rā
Then he a-rich-man-with in-service stayed Him-by so it-was-said, 'swine
 tsāru-lā dza,' Tatha khāva-lā kāy nāhī Tavā, 'duk¹rā khāi-nā
feeding-for go' There eating-for anything was-not Then, 'the-swine having-eaten
 tākat, tō phōl mā khāi rahā,' isā tyā-nī manāt ānā
used-to-throw, that husk I having-eaten stay,' so his in-mind came
 Tvā-lā kōnī kāhī ōpēlā nāhī Mang tō suddhi-var ānā 'Mā-nē
Him-to by-anyone anything was-given not Then he senses-on came 'My
 bās-nē ghar bahu gadi khapahant, tyā-lā pōt¹bhar bhākar mīlaha
father's in-house many servants working-are, them-to belly-full bread is-got
 Mā bhukē-nē marāhā Mā utin bāhās-kada dzāin bāhās mā ākhīn,
I hunger with dying-am I will-arise father-to will-go father-to I will-say,
 "bā, mā bāhās-nī dēkhat Dēvā-nī ulat pāp karāhā Ātā-pasūn
"father, (by-)me father-of in-sight God-of against sin done-is Now-from
 tu-nā sōh¹rā mā nāhī Mā-lā gadyā-sārā thyēv'" Isā mhanūn tō tyā-na
thy son I am-not Me servant-like keep'" So having-said he his
 bāhās-kadē gyā Tō dūi hatā tē tyā-lā bās-nī hērā Tyā-nē manāt
father-to went He far was then him the-father-by it was-seen His in-mind
 vāt vāt¹nā Tō dhāv¹dī gyā ānī tyā-nī bag¹dī-lā mithī māī
bad appeared He running went and him-by ribs-to embracing was-struck

bāhās-nī tyā-lā guḷā dinā Mang bāhās-lā sōh'rā ākha, 'bā, mā
the-father-by him-to kiss was-given. Then the-father-to the-son said, 'father, (by-)me
 tujhyā-samūr Dēvā-nī ulaṭ pāp karahā Ātā mā-nē bāhās-nā mā-lā nāv
thee-before God-of against sin done-is Now my father of me-to name
 ākhu-lā lāj vāṭha.' Bā gadyā-lā mhanē, 'dza nī mā-nē sōh'rā-lā
to-say shame seems' The-father servant-to said, 'go and my son-to
 tsakōt angar'khā ghāl Tyā-na hatāt ānguth'li ghāl, ānī tyā-nī pāy-mā
good robe put His on-hand ring put, and his feet-on
 dzōdā ghāl, mang āpan sag'lē dzan khāv nī san karū Kāran
shoes put, then we all men will-eat and holiday will-make Because
 mā-nā sōh'rā mar'nēl, tō jivā thīnā, tō gayēl, tō ānā' Mang tē san
my son had-died, he alive became, he had-gone, he came' Then they holiday
 karū lāg'nāt
to-make began

Ōdhyāt vadil sōh'rā sētāt hatā Tō āp'lē ghar ānā, tō hērē,
In-the-meantime elder son in-field was He his-own house came, he saw,
 gānā nī nāts hatā Tyā-na gadyā-lā bāh'rā ānī gadyā-lā sōda-hatā,
singing and dance was Him-by servant-to it was-called and servant-to asked was,
 'ī kāy?' Mang gadi ākha, 'tu-nā bhāūs ānā, ānī bās-lā byēs
'this what?' Then the-servant said, 'thy brother came, and father-to good
 rīti-na bhēt'nā, mhaṇūn tatha mōthī jēv'nāval ghālī-hī' Tō rāginā,
way-in met, therefore there great feast put-is' He got-angry,
 gharāt dza nāhī Tyā-nā bās bāhēi ihīn tyā-lā sam'dzav'lā lāg'nā
in-house went not His father out having-come him to-entreat began.
 Mōthyā sōh'ryā-nī bāhās-lā ākhā, 'ī hēr, ōdhā varsā tu-nī tsāk'rī
The-elder son-by the-father-to it-was-said, 'this see, so-many years thy service
 karī, tu-nī gōshṭ mā kadī mōdēl nāhī Tarī mā-nē mat'rā barōbar
was-done, thy word I ever broke not Yet my friends with
 mayī khusālī karī mhanūn bōk'dyā āmhās dīnhēl nāhī Ānī tu-nī
by-me merriment may-be-made therfore goat to-us was-given not And thy
 dhāk'tē sōh'ryā-nī jund'gī kas'biṇī barobar nādhī lāg'nā nī udāvi
younger son-by property harlots with connection was-made and having-squandered

takī, tyāsāthī ōdhi mōthī jēv'nāval kasū karīs?' Tēdhavā bāhās-nī
was-thi own, him-for so-great big feast how is-made?' Then the-father-by
 sōh'rā-lā ākhā, 'sōh'rā, tū mā-nē pāṭi nēh'mī āhās, mā-nā kāy āha
the-son-to it-was-said, 'son, thou me-of with always art, mine what is
 tī sag'lā tu-nā-ts āhā Madzā kar'vā has'vā khēl'vā ī karū-lā hatā
that all thine-only is Feast to-make to-laugh to-play this to-do was

Kāran tu-nā bhāūs mar'nā hatā, tō jivā thīhīn ānā, dzō gayēl,
Because thy brother dead was, he alive having-become came, who had-gone,
 tō ātā sāpad'nā
he now was-found

[No. 33]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

KĀTHŌDĪ OR KĀTKARĪ DIALECT

(STATE JANJIRA)

SPECIMEN II.

A TALE

दोन दोस एकेच वाठन संगत जाहँव । त्याना नदरमा एक आखल पडनेल । त्यामा एक विहीनी एका भाडा-वर चठनेल, आन भाडाच्या खांद्यामा आपना जीव जगवा दपना । बीसरा आपल्या एकल्याच्यान अखला समोरानी नीबाव लागार नाहा, आसा हेरानी जमीनी-वर पडना आन मरनाना नीमीत लीदा । त्यान मरुना ठोंग लीदाना कारन त्यान ऐकीला व्हाता, आखल मुरदाना सीवत नाहा । तो पडना आहा ती आखल त्याच्या डोयपा आनी आन त्याना काक्रीज कान आन नाक गंदवा पर त्या मानसान हालवेल नाही, दम धरी रहना, आन ती आखल तो मरी-गई ये ध्यानमा लीदा । ती आखल हेरी गई । ती आखल दुर पडनी पीहीला मानूस भाडा-वरून खाल उतरना आन बीसच्याना आखा, आखल तुज्या कानामा काय गुंदव हती । तो आखा, मी त्याना तोंड तुज्या काना-पा हेरा । त्याना दोसदार बोला, त्यामा मोठासा दपाडा नाहा । त्यान वडाच आखा, जा मानूस कासनीमा आहा ता आपल्या वचावाचा ईचार करवाहा आन आपल्या दोसदाराना फसवाहा ये लोकासी संगत करवा नाही ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Dōn	dōs	ēkē-ts	vāt-na	sangat	dzāhāv	Tyā-nā	nadar-mā	ēk
Two	friends	the-same	way-by	in-company	were-going	Them-of	sight-in	one
āsvaḷ	pad'nēl.	Tyā-mā	ēk	bihini	ēkā	dzhādā-vai	tsadh'nēl,	ān
bear	fell	Them-in	one	fearing	one	tree-on	climbed,	and
khāndyā-mā	āp'nā	jīv	dzag'vā	dap'nā	Bis'rā	āp'lyā	ēk'lyā-chyān	
the-branches	in	his own	life	to-save	had	The-second	his-own	by-self-alone
asvalā	samōrānī	nībāv	lāgāi	nāhā,	āsā	hēiānī	dzaminī-var	
of-the-bear	in-front	protection	would-occur	not,	so	seeing	the-ground-on	

pad'nā ān mar'nā-nā nimit lidā. Tyā-na maru-nā dhōng lidā-nā
fell and death-of pretence was-taken Him-by dying-of pretence taking-of
 karan, tyān aikēlā-vhātā, āsval mur'dā-nā sivat nāhā Tō pad'nā-āhā
reason, by-him heard-was, bear a-corpse-to touching not-is He fallen-was
 tī āsval tyā-ohyā dōy-pā ānī ān tyā-nā kālīṇḍz kām ān nāk
that bear 'his head-near came and his heart ears and nose
 gand'vā, par tyā mām'sān hāl'vēl nāhī, dam dharī rah'nā,
smelled, but that by-man it-was-moved not, breath having-held he-remained,
 ān tī āsval tō mai-gai yē dhyān-mā lidā Tī āsval hērī
and that bear then dead is this mind-in was-taken. That bear having-seen
 gai Tī āsval dur pad'nī, pihlā māmūs dzhādā-varūn khāl utar'nā
went That bear far went, the-first man the-tree-from-on down alighted
 ān bīs'ryā-nā ākhā, 'āsval tujyā kāmā-mā kāy gundava hati?' Tō
and the-other-to said, 'the-bear thy ear-in what whispering was?' He
 ākhā, 'mī tyā-nā tōnd tujyā kāmā-pā hēnā' Tyā-nā dōs'dāi bōlā, 'tyā-mā
said, 'I his mouth thine ear-near saw' His friend said, 'that-in
 mōthā-sā dapādā nāhā Tyān vadā-ts ākhā, dzā māmūs kās'nī-mā
so-great a-secret was-not Him-by so-much was-said, what man difficulty-in
 āhā tā āp'lyā batsāvā-tsā iohāi kar'vāhā ān āp'lyā dōs'dārā-nā
is then his-own protection-of thought should-be-made and his-own friends-to
 phas'vāhā yē lōkā-sī sangat kar'vā nāhī.
should-be-deceived such people-with company should-be-made not'

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

THE TRAVELLERS AND THE BEAR

Two friends were travelling together on the same road when they were met by a bear. The one in great fear climbed a tree and hid himself among the branches, thinking only of himself. The other seeing that he had no chance single-handed against the bear, threw himself on the ground and feigned to be dead. He did this because he had heard that the bear will never touch a dead body. As he thus lay, the bear came up to his head, smelling and sniffing at his nose and ears and heart, but the man immovably held his breath, and the beast supposing him to be dead walked away. When the bear was fairly out of sight, the other man came down out of the tree and asked what it was that the bear had whispered to him, for, said he, 'I observed he put his mouth very close to your ear.' 'Well,' replied his companion, 'it was no great secret, he only bade me never again keep company with those who, when any danger threatens, look after their own safety, and leave their friends in the lurch.'

[No 34]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KĀTHŌDĪ OR KĀTKARĪ DIALECT.

(DISTRICT THANA)

SPECIMEN III

किन्या एका मानसाला दोन सोहरा हुतात । त्यातला धाकला वाहासला आखूला लागनाहा, वा मानी काय दौलत वाव्याला येजनी ती मानी माला वाटा करी दे । मा वाडूलाँच राहोंहा । मग त्यान्या वानी त्याला दौलत वाटी दिनी । मग थोडक्या दिसानी धाकला सोहरा सगळी दौलत लीहीन दूर देसामा गेहा, आन तठ उधळपनान रहीन सगळी दौलत खपवी टाकी । मग त्यानी सगळा खर्ची टाकात मागून त्या देसामा मोठा काळ पडना । त्यासुळ त्याला अडचन पडूला लागनी । तवा तो त्या देसामा एका गरस्ता जवळ जाई रहना । त्या गरस्तानी त्याला डुकर चारूला आपल्या शेतामा घालवाहा । तठ त्याला वाटनाहा डुकरा जी ठरफळ खाहात तिच खाहीन पोटा भरवाँ । दुसर त्याला कोनी काही ओपेल नाही । मग तो सुडी-वर इहीन आपल्या जीवाला आखूला लागाना, मान्या बापान्या घरी जवर मजूरकन्या पोटा भराहों न मा अठ भुकन मराहों । मा आता मान्या वास-कड जायन न त्याला आखीन, वा, मा तुना न देवाना बहु अपराद कराहों । तूँ माला आता-पासून सोहरा नको आखशील । मा तुना गडी तुन्या गड्यामा रहीन, न पोटा भरीन । तुन्या गड्यामा माला ठेव । मग तो उठीहीन आपल्या वास-कड गेहा । त्यान्या वाहासनी त्याला दुरूच हिराहा न त्याच्या पोटांमा रवंदकू लागनाहा । आन धाँवदी जाहीन त्याना गळामा मीठी घालीही, आन त्याना वगडीमा वगडी घालीन त्याला गुळा दीनाहा ॥

[No 34.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KĀTHŌDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

SPECIMEN III.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kinyā ēkā mān'sā-lā dōn sōh'rā hutāt. Tyāt'lā dhāk'lā bāhās-lā
 Some one man-to two sons were Them-among the-younger the-father-to
 ākhū-lā lāg'nā-hā, 'bā, mā-nī kāy daulat vātyā-lā yēū-nī tī mā-nī
 to-say began, 'father, my what property share-to is-to-come that mine
 mā-lī vāṭṭā karī dē, mā vāṭṭā-ts rāhā-hā.' Mag tyā-nyā bā-nī
 me-to share having-made give, I separate shall-live' Then his father-by
 tyā-lā daulat vāṭi dinī Mang thōd'kyā dīsā-nī dhāk'lā
 him-to property having-divided was-given Then few days-in the-younger
 sōh'rī sag'jī daulat lihī-na dūr dēsā-mā gēhā, ān tatha
 son all property having-taken far country-in went, and there
 udhaḷ'panūn rahī-na sag'jī daulat khap'vī tākī Mag tyā-nī
 riotously having-lived all property having-spent was-the own Then him-by
 sag'jā khaichī tākāt māgūn tyā dēsā-mā mōthā kāl
 all having-spent was-the own afterwards that country-in great famine
 pad'nā Tvī-muḷa tyā-lī ad'tsan padū-lā lāg'nī Tavā tō tyā dēsā-mā
 fell Therefore him-to difficulty to-fall began Then he that country-in
 ēkā garastā dzaval dzāi rah'nā Tyī garastā-nī tyā-lā dukar tsārū-lā
 one householder near having-gone lived That householder-by him some to-tend
 āp'lyā sētā-mā ghāl'vā-hā 'latha tyā-lā vāṭ'nā-hā, duk'rā jī tar'phal
 his field-in sent-was There him-to it-appeared, some which husks
 khāhāt ti-ts khāhī-na pōt bhar'vā, dus'ra tyā-lā kōnī
 ate that having-eaten belly should-be-filled, else him-to (by-)anybody
 kāhī ōpēl nāhī Mag tō suddhī-var ihī-na āp'lyā jīvā-lā
 anything given was-not Then he senses-on having-come his mind-to
 ākhū-lā lāg'nā, 'mā-nyā bāpā-nyā gharī dzabar mandzūr-karyā
 to-say began, 'my father's in-house a-great-many labours
 pōt bharā-hā, na mā atha bhuka-na marā-hā Mā ātā mā-nyā
 belly fill, and I here hunger-with dying-am I now my
 bās-kada dzāy'n na tvā-lā ākhīn, "bā, mā tu-nā na Dēyā-nā
 father-to will-go and him-to will-say, "father, by-me thee-of and God-of

bahu ap'rād kaiā-bā. Tū mā-lā ātā-pāsūn sōh'rā nakō ākh'sīl Mā
much sm done-is Thou me-to now-from son not will-say I
 tu-nā gadi tu-nyā gadyā-mā rahin na pōt bharin. Tu-nyā
thy servant thy servants-among will-live and belly will-fill Thy
 gadyā-mā mā-lā thēv " " Mag tō uthihin āp'lyā bās-kada gēhā
servants-among me keep " " Then he having-risen his father-to went.
 Tyā-nyā bāhās-nī tyā-lā durū-ts hērā-hā, na tyā-chyā : pōtā-mā
His father-by him far-even seen-was, and his belly-in
 ravandaļū lāg'nā-hā, ān dhāv'di dzāhin tyā-nā gaļā-mā mithi ghāli-
to-move it-began, and running having-gone his neck-on embracing put-
 hī ān tyā-nā bag'di-mā bag'di ghāli-na tyā-lā gulā dīnā-hā
was and his neck-on neck having-put him-to kiss given-was

VĀRLĪ

The Vārlis are one of the early tribes in Thana where they are estimated at 89,000 individuals. Their head-quarters are in the north-west in Dahanu, where they form more than half of the population. They are also found in Molkhada, Muibad, Kalyan, Karjat, and in the Jawhar State. Three thousand Vārlis have been returned from Khandesh, where they inhabit the Satpura Range. No specimens have, however, been obtained from this latter locality. The Vārlis of the Dangs speak a Bhil dialect, founded on Gujarātī.

The Vārlis of Thana are also Bhils, and their language must originally have been of the same kind as other Bhil dialects and Khāndēśī. In the course of time it has, however, been so largely influenced by Marāṭhī, that it must now be classed as a dialect of that language, except in the extreme north, where it is stated to be a form of Gujarātī.

According to the District Gazetteer the Vārlis have a tendency to shorten the words, and say for instance *kōt dās*, instead of *kōthē dzātōs*, where are you going? Moreover, they use some peculiar words such as *nāng-nē*, to see. The specimen received from Thana corroborates these statements. *Nāng*, see, *nāngūn*, having seen, occur, and an instance of the so called shortening of words is *vichān*, he asked, for which the fuller Marāṭhī form is *vichār'lā*.

The language of the specimen is a mixed form of speech. In most respects it agrees with the current language of Thana. Other characteristics it shares with the Marāṭhī of Poona, and, lastly, there is an admixture of Gujarātī.

Ḍ is used as in the dialects of the Northern Konkan in many cases where Standard Marāṭhī has *ḍ*, thus, *tathā*, there, *paḍ'lā*, it fell, *ḍuk'ra*, swine, *sāngan*, I shall say.

The Anunāsika is often dropped, and often also added where it seems to be incorrect. Thus, *tyāt-si*, from among them, *tēnhā*, by him, *dēvā-tsē*, and *dēvā chyā*, *ghar'ā*, in God's house, *āhā*, *āha*, and *āhē*, is.

The aspirates are sometimes irregularly used, thus, *asāmī-na davad'lā*, the man sent him, *mangh*, afterwards, *dilhā* and *dlā*, given, *tēnhā* and *tyān*, by him.

In the inflection of nouns we find typical Konkan forms such as *bās-lā*, to a father, *bhās*, a brother, *ḍuk'ra*, swine, etc.

On the other hand, *n*, *l*, and *d* are used as in the Dekhan. Thus, *mān'sā-lā*, to a man, *dukāl*, famine, *paḍ'lā*, he fell. In *mlat*, meeting, however, *l* is substituted for *ḷ* as in the Northern Konkan.

The Gujarātī element is chiefly seen in the vocabulary. Compare *byā*, another, *pōtē*, by himself, *tyā-nē*, his, *mai ēl*, dead, *ḍzan ā*, a little, and so forth.

The mixed nature of the dialect will be seen from the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

[No 35.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

VĀRLĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

एका माणसाला दोन पोयरे होते। त्यातशी लहाना वासला विचार, वा इस्तेलाचा भाग जो माला येल तो दे। मघा वानी इस्तेलाचा भाग सगखा वांटून दिव्हा। मंघा थोडके दीसानी लहाना पोयरा असघ लाव विजे गावांत घेन गेला। मघ तय जाजन असघ इस्तेल उधळून टाकला। मघा तेन्ह असघ खर्चून टाकल्या-वर तय मोठा दुकाळ पडला। तैशी त्याला हाल पडलें। त्या-खाल तो तयचे एका असामी-जवळ जाजन रहला। ते असामीन त्याला डुकर चाराया त्याच्या शेतांत दवडलें। तड्ड डुकर टरफल खात ती पोते खाजन पोट भरांव अस त्याला वाटलें। पण त्याला कोणी कांहीं दिलें नाहीं। तड्ड त्याची मुद जरा वलली न वोलला। माझे वासचें घरां कोठेक मजुराना खाया मिलत आहें नमी भुकेचा फार आभदलत आहें। मी अवशी माझे वा-कडे जाईन न त्याला सांगन, वा मी देवाचें उलटां न तुम्हे पुढां पाप केला आह। आयाशीं तुम्हा पोयरा मी आहे अस तू समजशीं नको। तुम्हा मी एक चाकरुच जसा आहें ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

VĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA.)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mām'sā-lā dōn pōy'rē hōtē Tyāt-sī lahānā bās-lā
 One man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger father-to
 vichār, 'bā istēlā-tsā bhāg dzō mā-lā yēl tō dē' Manghā
 asked, 'father estate-of share which me-to shall-come that give' Then
 bā-nī istēlā-tsā bhāg sar'khā vāṭūn dīhā Manghā thōd'kē
 father-by estate-of share like having-divided was-given Then few
 disā-nī lahānā pōy'rā as'gha lāmb bindzē gāvāt ghēn
 days-in the-younger son all fur another to-village having-taken
 gēlī Mangh tatha dzāūn as'gha istēl udh'lūn tāk'lā
 went Then there having-gone all estate having-squandered was-thrown
 Manghā tē-nhā as'gha khar'gūn tāk'lyā-vai tatha mōthā dukā
 Then him-by all having-spent being-thrown-after there great famine
 pad'lā Tar-sī tyā-lā hāl pad'lā Tyā-khāl tō tath-tsē ekā
 fell Therefore him-to distress fell That-under he the-e-of one
 asāmī-dzaval dzāūn rah'lā Tē asāmī-na tyā-lā duk'ra tsārāyā
 person-near having-gone stayed That person-by him-to swine to-feed
 tyā-chyā śētāt davad'lā Tai duk'ra tar'phal khāt tī
 his in-field it-was-sent There swine husks used-to-eat then
 pōtē khāūn pōt bharāva asā tyā-lā vāt'lā Pan
 himself-by having-eaten belly should-be-filled thus him-to it-seemed But
 tyā-lā kōnī kāhī dīlā nāhī Tai tyā-chī sud
 him-to (by-)anybody anything was-given not Then his consciousness
 dzarā val'lī na bōl'lā, 'mādzhē bās-tsē gharā kōdhēk
 somewhat was-turned and he-said, 'my father-of in-house how-many
 madzūrā-nā khāyā milat āhā, na mī bhukē-tsā phār ābh'dalat āhā Mi
 servants-to to-eat got is, and I hunger-of much perishing am I
 ath-sī madzhē ba-kadē dzāūn na tyā-lā sāngan, "bā, mī
 here-from my father-to will-go and him-to will-say, "father, (by-)me
 Dēvā-tsē ultā na tudzhē pudhā pāp kēlā āha Āthā-sī tudzha pōy'rā mī
 God-of against and thee before sin done is Now-from thy son I
 āhē asa tū samadz'sī nakō Tudzhā mī ēk tsākaru-ts dzasā āhē."
 am thus thou wilt-consider not Thy I one servant-only like am"

VĀDVAL.

The Vādvals are one of the sub-tribes of the Pāṇhkaṣī Kun'bis. They are returned to the number of 3,500 from Thana, where they are found in the coast talukas of Bassein, Mahim, and Dahanu. Like the rest of the Pāṇhkaṣī they are supposed to have immigrated from Gujarat.

Their dialect is most intimately connected with the usual Marāṭhī of the Central and Northern Konkan. The cerebral *d* is not, however, changed to *r* after vowels, thus, *ghōdā*, a horse. The cerebral *n* is often written, but seems to be pronounced as a dental, *n* being often written instead, thus, *pānī*, water, but *kōnī*, anyone. The cerebral *ḷ* is used as in the Dekhan, thus, *dōḷā*, an eye, *mīḷa*, he was found.

The peculiar appearance of the dialect is due to some phonetical changes which Vādval shares with several Bhil dialects. The most important ones are as follows —

Ch becomes *s* or *ś*, thus, *sākar*, a servant, *sānd*, moon, *śān*, four.

S and *ś* become *h*, *re*, probably the sound of *ch* in 'loch'. Thus, *hōna*, gold, *bah*, sit, *hāngat'la*, it was said, *hēt*, field, *hōmbai*, hundred. The *s* of the genitive suffix *sā* usually becomes *h* and is often dropped altogether, thus, *bābā-hā*, *bābā-yā* and *bābā-ā*, of the father, *tyā gāṇsā dukān'dār-ā-hyā mīrsan*, from a shopkeeper in the village. Compare the Bhil dialects of Ohhoti, Udepur, etc.

H is regularly dropped, thus, *āth*, a hand, *āy*, he is. Forms such as *hāy*, he is, *hōtā*, he was, etc., however, also met with, and *h* is perhaps in reality a feeble *h*-sound, kind of *spiritus lenis*.

Ordinary Marāṭhī forms occasionally also occur, thus, *sāt*, seven, *cīs*, two, *pañnās*, fifty.

Most of the common characteristics of the current language of Thana occur in dialect. Thus we find *a* in many places where the dialects of the Dekhan have *e*, compare *dāla*, it was given, *lāg'la*, they began.

The Anumāṣika is usually dropped, thus, *barī māh'na*, good men, *tyāt-na*, from among them.

The case of the agent usually ends in *n*, thus, *bābān*, by the father, *tyān*, by him, *mīn* and *mīna*, by me.

The genitives of the personal pronouns are *māū*, *māyū*, *māy*, my, *tuū*, *tuvā*, thy, *ām-sā*, our, *tum-sā*, your.

The verb substantive is *hāy*, or *āy* in all persons of the singular, the plural forms are 1, (*h*)*āt*, 2, *āhā*, *āt*, 3, (*h*)*āt*. The past tense is 1, (*h*)*ōtāṇ*, *ōtā*, 2, *hōtā*, 3, *hōtā*, plural, *hōtē*.

The present tense of finite verbs is formed as in the neighbouring dialects, thus, *mār'tāy*, I strike, 2, *mār'tē*, 3, *mār'tē*, plural 1, *mār'tāv*, 2, *mār'tā*, 3, *mār'tāt*. 'You go' is *tum' dāzā*.

The past tense is regularly formed, thus, *gēlāv* or *gelā*, I went, 2, *gēlā*, 3, *gēlā*, plural 1, *gēlāv*, 2, *gēlē*, 3, *gēlē*.

Perfect and pluperfect are formed from the past by adding the verb substantive, thus, *ālāy*, he has come, *gēl'tāv*, I have gone, *mēl'tā*, he had died. A curious form is *pad'lōā*, he was lost.

Future forms are *ahēn*, I shall be, *sāllān*, I shall go, *hāngēn*, I shall say, *mān ihil*, thou wilt strike, etc.

Some forms and words are Gujarātī and not Marāṭhī, thus, *sā*, i.e. *chha*, six, *mārē*, near, *pōtē-hī* (*bāy'kō*), one's own (woman), wife, *bhukē*, with hunger, *pōṭ bharāvō*, the belly should be filled, *tyāt-na*, from among them, etc

The mixed character of the dialect will be seen from the short specimen which follows

[No. 36.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

VĀD'VAḌ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA.)

एका माहणाला दोन पोर होते । त्यातून धकला बावाला बोलला, बाबा माय बाब्याअ इष्टेक माला दे । मग त्यान त्याला इष्टेक वाटून दिला । मग बोड्या दिहात धकला पोर जकल हावटून लाव गेला, आन तयाला पैसा उडवाया लागला । मग त्यान जकल खपईल्या-वर तयाला मग घणा दुकाळ पडला । त्या-करता त्याला आडसण पडली । तवा तो तटनन एकाये मेरे जाऊन रेयला । त्याला पुन डुकर साराला त्याया हितात धडल । तवा डुकर जी टरफल खात आहत त्या-मरती त्यान माये पोट भरावो अह त्याला वाटल । आन कोनी त्याला काय देई नाय । मग तो हुदी-वर आला-न बोलला माया बाबाया घरा साकराला कवडी-रोटी आय । पण आते मी भुके मरतय । मी उठून बाबाया-तय साछान आन त्याला हागेन, वो बाबा, मिन आवाला वेगळ व तुया मेरे पाप केल । आता तुआ होकरा बोलाया मी घटत नाय । माला एका साकरा हारक ठेव । मग तो उठला-न बाबाया मेरे गेला । तो लाव अहे आवड्यांत त्याआ बाबा त्याला वगून कळवळला । मग त्यान धव-मारली अन त्याआ गळ्याला अटी मारली व त्याआ मुका घटला । मग पोर त्याआ बोलला, बाबा, मी आवाला वेगळ व तुया मेरे पाप केल । आता तुवा होकरा बोलाला मी घटत नाय । पण बावान साकराला हागतल । वर आगड आणून याआ आंगात घल आणि याआ हातात बाकडा घल आणि पाया-मद जोडा घल । मग आपण जकले जाण खावन हौस करू । कारण यो माआ पूत मेलता तो पुन जिता जाला, व पडलोआ तो मिळला । तवा ते मजा करू लागल ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

VĀDVAL DIALECT.

(DISTRICT

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēkā mäh'nā-lā dōn pōr hōtē Tyāt-na dhak'lā bābā-lā
 One man-to two sons were Them-among-of the-younger father-to
 bōl'lā, 'bābā, māy vātyāa istēk mā-lā dē.' Mag tyān tyā-lā istēk
 said, 'father, my share-of estate me-to gave' Then him-by him-to estate
 vātūn dila Mag thōdyā dīhāt dhak'lā pōr dzak'lā
 having-divided was-given Then few in-days the-younger son all
 hāv'tūn lāmb gēlā, ān tayālā paisā ud'vāyā lāg'lā Mag
 having-collected far went, and there money to-squander began. Then
 tyān dzak'lā khapāilyā-var, tayālā mag ghanā dukāl pad'lā
 by-him all being-spent-after, there then mighty famine fell
 Tyā-kar'tā tyā-lā ād'san pad'li Tavā tō tat'nan ēkā-yē mērē
 Therefore him-to difficulty fell Then he there-of one-of near
 dzāūn iēy'lā Tyā-lā tyān dukar sārā-lā tyā-yā hētāt
 having-gone stayed Him-to by-him swine feeding-for his in-field
 dhad'lā Tavā dukar jī tar'phal khāt āhat tyā-ar'ti tyān, 'mā-yē
 it-was-sent Then swine which husks eating were them-with by-him, 'my
 pōt bharāvō,' aha tyā-lā vāt'lā Ān kōnī tyā-lā kāy
 belly should-be-filled, thus him-to it-appeared And anybody him-to anything
 dēi nāy Mag tō hudi-var ālā-n bōl'lā, 'mā-yā bābā-yā gharā sāk'rā-lā
 gave not Then he senses-on came-and said, 'my father's in-house servants-to
 kav'di iōti āy Pan ātē mī bhukē mar'tay Mī uthūn bābā-yā
 how-much bread is But here I with-hunger die I having-risen father
 tay sāllān ān tyā-lā hāngēn, "vō bābā, mīn ābā-lā vēgaḷ va tu-yā
 to will-go and him-to will-say, "O father, by-me Heaven-to against and thee-of
 mīrē pāp kēla Ātā tu-ā hōk'rā bōlāyā mī ghatat nāy Mā-lā ēkā
 before sin done-is Now thy son to-say I worthy not Me one
 sāk'rā hār'ka thēv'" Mag tō uth'lā-n bābā-yā mērē gēlā Tō lāmb
 servant like keep'" Then he arose-and father-of near went He far
 āhō āv'dyāt tyā-ā bābā tyā-lā bagūn kal'val'lā Mag tyān dhav
 is that-in his father him having-seen felt-pity Then by-him running
 mīr'li an tyā-ā gaḷyā-lā atī mār'li va tyā-ā mukā ghēḷ'lā.
 was-stuck and his neck-to embracing was-stuck and his kiss was-taken.

Mag pōr tyā-i bōl'i, 'bābā, mī ābā-lā vēga| va tu-yā mērē pāp
Then son him-to said, 'father, (by-)me Heaven-to against and thee before sin
 kēla Ātā tu-vā hōk'rā bōlā-lā mī ghaḥat nāy' Pan bābān sāk'iā-lā
is-done Now thy son to-say I worthy not' But the-father-by servants-to
 hāngat'la, 'bara āng'da ānūn yā-ā āngāt ghal, āpī yā-ā hātāt
it-was-said, 'good robe having-brought his on-body put, and his on-hand
 vīk'dī ghal ānī pāyā-mand dzōdā ghal Mag āpan dzak'lō dzān
ring put and feet-on shoes put Then we all persons
 khiv'n haus karū Kāran yō mā ā pūt mēl'tā, tō pun jūtā
having-eaten feast shall-make Because this my son had-died, he again alive
 dzālā, va pad'lōā, tō mī'lā' Tavā tō madzā karū lāg'la
became, and was-lost, he was-got' Then they merry to-make began

PHUD'GĪ

This is the dialect of a wandering tribe in Thana, and has been returned as spoken by 1,000 individuals

A list of Standard Words and Phrases in Phud'gī has been received from Thana, and it shows that the dialect is almost identical with Vād'vaḥ. Compare *ghōdā*, a horse, *pānī* and *pānī*, water, *sākar*, a servant, *sār*, four, *hōna*, gold, *sāt*, seven, *vis*, twenty, etc

The inflection of nouns and pronouns is the same as in Vād'vaḥ, thus, *tuyā bābā-hyā gha|āt kav'dē-ra pōr hāt*, how many sons are thero in your father's house? *tum-sā*, your, etc

The conjugation of verbs is also mainly the same, and the difference between the two forms of speech must, to say the least, be unimportant. Our materials are, however, not sufficient to decide whether Vād'vaḥ and Phud'gī are absolutely identical, and it is therefore safer to separate them.

SĀMVEDĪ.

The Sāmvedīs live as husbandmen and gardeners in Bassein and Mahim Their number is estimated at 2,700

They speak a mixed dialect, the chief components of which are the current Marāthī of Thana and vulgar Gujarātī.

Ch has become *s* and *h*, thus, *sākar*, a servant, *nās'tyāt*, they dance, *ād'han*, difficulty The suffix of the genitive is *hō*, *hā* or *ā*, thus, *bāpā-hā*, of a father, *rāndā-ā*, of prostitutes

S becomes *h*, thus, *dihāt*, in a day, *hōk'rō*, a son, *hēt*, a field *Ns* becomes *hu* and *s hr*, thus, *māhnā-dō*, to a man, *vahrē*, years.

Lal becomes *il*, thus, *bōilō*, he said, *ghāilī*, she was put

Other phonetical changes are also shared by the neighbouring dialects

Strong masculine bases form their nominative as in Gujarātī and Kōnkanī, thus, *hōk'rō*, a son, *vātō*, a share The corresponding feminine plural also ends in *ō*, thus, *rōḷhyō*, breads The instrumental ends in *ē*, *hē*, and *dē*, thus, *nirbhayē*, without fear, *ānandā-hē*, with joy, *bhukē-dē*, with hunger

The dative ends in *dō*, thus, *māh'nā-dō*, to a man The usual Marāthī postpositions *lā* and *tē* (usually *dē*), also occur, thus, *bāpā-lā*, and *bāpā-tē*, to the father, *sāk'rā-dē*, to the servants

The inflection of verbs mainly agrees with the Marāthī of Thana, thus, *hā*, thou art, *hāy*, he is, *hāt*, they are, *mar'tē*, I die, *vāt'tē*, it appears The third person masculine of the past tense usually ends in *ō*, thus, *bōilō*, he said, *gēlō*, he went We find, however, also forms such as *gēlā*, he went, *dhād'lā*, he was sent The pluperfect is formed by adding the abbreviated verb substantive to the weak form of the past participle, thus, *mēl-tō*, he had died

On the whole the Sāmvedī dialect must be characterised as a mechanical mixture of Konkan Marāthī and Gujarātī, as will appear from the specimen which follows

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

SĀMVĒDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

कोणे एका माइणादो दोन पुत होते । त्यातने धाकुलो वापाते वोडलो, दादा, जो माइो वीष्टेकीहो वाटो आहेदे तो माइो माते दे । मिंगे त्याह त्यान धन वाटून दिला । मिंगे थोड्या दिहात धाकुलो होकरो जकला हवटून कडसो-कडे गेलो, आन निरभये जकल्या पैशाहो निकाल-पाडलो । मिंगे त्याया-मेरसा जकला खपल्यो-वर त्या गावा-मिने मोठो दुकाळ पडिलो । त्याहे त्याला आडहण जाली । तिगळा तो त्या गावा-मिने डुकर साया धाडला । तिगळा डुकर जी हालपटे खात्यात ती आपण खायाँ अहँ वाटते । कोणे त्याला काय दिला नाय । तिगळा तो धारे-वर येउन वोडलो, माइा वापाइा तडे साकरादो कवडे रोळ्यो खायादो हात, अने मे भुकेदे मरते । मे आते वापाइा-तडे जाते आन त्याला हागाते, ओ वावा, मे आभाइा इरुद आन तुया-मेरे पाप केला । आते तुवा होकरो हांग्या मे हारको नाय । तुया एका साकरा हारका माते ठोव । मिंगे तो उठून आपल्या बावा द्यातो गेला । तो लाव हाय तोव त्याहो वाप त्यादो देखोन कळ-वळलो, आन त्याने धाओन त्याया गळ्यादो आठी घाईलो आन त्यादो गोको घेठलो । मिंगे त्याओ होकरो त्याला वोडलो, वावा, आभाइा इरुद अने तुया-मेरे पाप केला अने मे आते तुवो होकरो हांग्या हारको नाय । तो पण वाप साकरादे वोडलो । वरा आंगडा हाडोन त्याया आगा-मिने घाल अने याया हाता-मिने वाकुडो अने पाया-मिने वाणो घाल । मिंगे आपण जिवो मज्याये वेहो । कारण माइो होकरो मेलतो ती आते जेतो जालो, आन भालो तो लालो । तिगळा ते आनदाहे हांडो लागलो ॥

तिगळा त्याओ मोठो होकरो हेतात होतो । तो घराया आलो तोड्या-मिने तुरे वाजत्यात आन नासत्यात आहो आकिलो । तिगळा एका साकराला हाक मारिली आन इसारला ई काय हाय । तो वोडलो, तुवो भा आलो अन तो तुआ दादाला हुकाहे मिळालो त्याहाटी मोठा जिवण केले । तिगळा तो रागाहे घरांत खिरे नाय । तिगळे त्याओ वाप वार येओन त्या हमजाळ लागलो । तिगळा त्याने वापाला हांगिला । वग, मे तुई आवडे व्हरे साकरो केली, आन

तुई हांगी कते नाकारली नाय । तो पण होपल्या-वरावर सैन करेई तरी तु माते
 वोकरुला दिला नाय । आन जाणे तुआ धन रांडाआ-वरीवर खाला तो तुओ
 होकरो आलो तिगळा त्याआ-करिता मोठे जिवणे केले । तिगळा त्याआ वाप
 बोवलो, तू जकलो जलम माआ मिरे हा, आन माई जकल धन तुआच हाय ।
 पण आहा आणंद क्यो अही रीतस हाय । कारण तुवो भा मेलतो तो जेतो
 जालो व भालो तो लालो हाय ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHI

SĀMVĒDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

Kōnē ēkā māh'nā-dō dōn put hōtē Tyāt-nē dhākulō bāpā-tē
Some one man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger father-to
 bōilō, 'dādā, dzō māhō vīshṭēki-hō vātō āhēdē, tō māhō
said, 'father, which my the-estate-of share is, that mine
 mā tē dē' Mīngō tyāh tyān dhan vātūn dilā
me-to give' Then to-him by-him wealth having-divided was-given
 Mīngō thōdyā dīhāt dhāk'lō hōk'rō dzak'lā hav'tūn kad'sō kadē
Then few in-days the-younger son all having-gathered abroad
 gīlō ān nīrbhayō dzaklyā paisā-hō nīkāl pād'lō Mīngō tyā-yā
went and without-fear all money-of spending effected Then him-of
 mīr'sā dzak'lā khap'lyō-var tyā gāvā-minē mōthō dukāl
near-being all being-spent-after that village in great famine
 padilō Tyā hē tyā-lā ād'han dzālī Tēg'lā tō tyā gāvā-minē dukar
fell Therefore him-to difficulty became Then he that village-in swine
 sāryā dbād'lā Tīg'lā dukar jī hāl'patē khātyāt tī āpan
to feed was-sent Then swine which hushs eat that himself-by
 khāyāñ āhā vāt'tē Kōnē tyā-lā kāy dilā
should-be-eaten thus appears (By-)anyone him-to anything was-given
 nāy Tīg'lā tō dhārē-var yēūn bōilō, 'māhā bāpā-hā tadē
not Then he senses-on having-come said, 'my father-of place at
 sāk'rā-dō kav'dē rōthyō khāyā-dō hāt, anē mē bhukē-dē mar'tē
servants-to how-much breads eating-for are, and I hunger-with die
 Mē ātē bāpā-hā tadē dzātē ān tyā-lā hāngātē, "ō hābā,
I now father's place-to will-go and him-to will-say, "O father,
 mē ābhā-hā nud ān tu-yā mērē pāp kēlā Ātē tuvā
(by-)me Heaven-of against and thee-of before sin is-done Now thy
 hōk'rō hāngyā mē hār'lō nāy Tuyā ēkā sāk'rā hār'kā mā-tē thōv''
son to-say I worthy not Thy one servant like me keep''
 Mīngō tō uthūn āp'lyā bābā hyā-tō gēlā Tō lāmb hāy,
Then he having-isen his-own father this-to went He far is,
 tōv tyā-hō bāp tyā-dō dēkhōn kal'val'lō ān tyā-nē
then his father him having-seen felt-compassion and him-by
 dhāōn tyā-yā galyā-dō āthī ghāilō ān tyā-dō gōkō ghē'lō
having-run his neck-to embracing was-put and him-to kiss was-taken

Mingē tyā-ō hōk'rō tyā-lā bōilō, 'bābā, ābhā-hā irud anē
Then his son him-to said, 'father, Heaven of against and
 tu-yā mērē pāp kēlā, anē mē ātē tu-vū hōk'rō hāngyā hār'kō
thee-of before sin is-done, and I now thy son to-say worthy
 nāy' Tō-pan bāp sāk'rā dē bōilō, 'bābā āng'dā hādōn
not' Still-however the-father servants-to said, 'good coat having-brought
 tyā-yā āngā-minē ghāl, anē yā-yā hātā-minē vākudō anē pāyā-minē
his body-on put, and this-of hand-on ing and feet-on
 vānō ghāl. Mingē āpan jivō majyāyē bēhō. Kāian māhō
shoes put. Then we will-eat in-merriment will-sit Because my
 hōk'rō mēl'tō, tō ātē jētō dzālō, ān bhālō, tō lālō '
son dead-was, he now alive became, and was-lost, he was-found'
 Tig'lā tē ānandā-hē hāndō lāg'lō
Then they joy-with to-overflow began.

Tig'lā tyā ō mōṭhō hōk'rō hētāt hōtō. Tō gharā-yā ālō
Then his eldest son in-fields was He house-to came
 tōdyā-minē tuā vād'z'tyāt ān nās'tyāt āhō ākīlō Tig'lā ēkā
that-in trumpets they-play and they-dance thus he-heard. Then one
 sāk'rā lā hāk māuli ān isā'lā, 'i kāy hāy?' Tō
servant-to a-call was-struck and it-was-asked, 'this what is?' He
 bōilō, 'tu-vō bhā ālō, ān tō tu-ā dādā-lā hukā-hē mīlālō,
said, 'thy brother came, and he thy father-to happiness-with was-got,
 tyāhātī mōthā jivan kēlē' Tig'lā tō rāgā-hē gharāt
therefore great feast was-given' Then he anger-with in-house
 khrē-nāy Tig'lē tyā-ō bāp bār yēōn tyā hām'dzāū
would enter-not Then his father out having-come him to-appease
 lāg'lō Tig'lā tyā-nē bāpā-lā hānglā, 'bag, mē tu-i
began Then him-by the-father-to it-was-said, 'lo, (by-)me thy
 āv'dē vah'rē sāk'rī kēlī, ān tu-i hāngī katē nākār'lī
these-many years service was-done, and thy word ever was-neglected
 nāy Tō-pan hōp'yā-barābar sam karēī, taiī tu mā-tē
not Still friends-with merry should-be-made, then (by-)thee me-to
 bōk'ru-lā dūlā nāy, ān dzā-nē tu-ā dhan rāṇdā-ā-barōbāi
a-kid was-given not, and whom-by thy wealth prostitutes-of-with
 khālā tō tu-ō hōk'rō ālō, tig'lā tyā-ā karitā mōṭhē jiv'nē
was eaten that thy son came, then his for-sake great feast
 kēlē' Tig'lā tyā-ā bāp bōilō, 'tū dzak'lō dzalam mā-ā miē
was-made' Then his father said, 'thou all time me-of near
 hā, ān mā-i dzak'lā dhan tu-ā-tē hāy. Paṇ āhā āpand
art, and my all wealth thine-only is But thus happiness

karyō-ahī rītas hāy Kāran tu-vō bhā mēl'tō, tō jētō
should-be-made-thus proper is Because thy brother dead-was, he alive
 dzālō, va bhālō, tō lālō hāy '
became, and was-lost, he found is'

In the north of Thana Marāthī is gradually superseded by Gujarātī. The minor caste dialects are often of a more or less mixed appearance, but it would be waste of time and paper to give specimens of all of them. It may, however, be of interest to print one, and the beginning of a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in the dialect spoken by the Māngēlīs will therefore be subjoined.

The Māngēlīs are a tribe of fishermen in Thana. The greatest numbers have been returned from Mahum, Bassein and Dahanu. The total number of Māngēlīs returned at the Census of 1901 were 11,538. The dialect of the Māngēlīs is, however, probably nowhere different from that of the district where they live, and it has not been separately returned.

The specimen printed below has been forwarded from Bhawndī. It will be seen that it is a dialect of the same kind as Vād'val, Sāmvedī, etc., with a strong admixture of Gujarātī. The palatals have been transliterated as *ch*, *j*, and so on. It is, however, possible that they are in reality pronounced as in Marāthī.

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SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

SO-CALLED MĀNGĒLĀ DIALECT.

(DISTRICT THANA)

कोण्या एका माणसाला दोन पोरां होतीं । तीमनसो धाकलो वापाला वोललो वापा, जो मालमत्तेहो वांटो माना येव्याहो तो दे । मिगे त्याला संपत्ति वांटून दिली । मिंगे थोड्या दिव्हान धाकलो पोर सखली जमा करून दूर देशांत गेलो आणि तयां उधळेपणान वागून आपली संपत्ति उडविली । मिगे त्यान सखली खर्चिल्या-वर त्या देशांत वोठो दुकाळ पडलो । त्या-मुळे त्याला अडचण पडू लागली । तवां तो त्या देशा-मनीं एका माणसा-खनी जाऊन रेलो । त्यान तर त्याला डुकरा सारख्याला आपल्या हेतांत धाडलो । तवां डुकरां जीं ठरफळा खात होतीं त्या-वर त्यान आपला पोटा भरवें अहे त्याला वाटला । आणि कुण त्याला कथ दिलें नय । मिंगे तो शुद्धी-वर येऊन वोललो । माया वापाहो कवडो मोलकन्यास भरपूर लोटी आय आणि मी भुकीन मरतां । मी उठून आपल्या वापा-खनी जान व त्याला वोलें, ओ वापा मी देवाहा विरुध व तुया हमोर पाप केले, न ते आतां-पासून तुयो पोर मी वोलव्याला लायक नय । आपल्या एका मोलकन्या प्रमाणें माना ठेव । मिंगे तो उठून आपल्या वापा-खनी गेलो । तवां तो दूर आय अवढ्या-मनीं त्याहो वापू त्यास वधून कळवळलो । आणि त्यान धावून त्याहा गळ्यांत मिठी घातिली व त्याहा चुंवो घितिलो । मिगे पोर त्याला वोललो वापा देवाहा विरुध व तुया समोर मिन पाप केले आय । आणि आथा-पासून तुयो पोर वोलव्याला मी योग्य नय । परंतु वापान आपल्या साकरांस हांगितला । वरो भगो आणून याला घाल, आणि याहा हातांत आंगठी व पाया-मनीं जोडा घाल । मिंगे आमून खाऊन मजा करूं । कारण यो मयो पोर मरालतो तो फिरून जितो झालो, व हरपलतो तो हापडलो । तवां ते मजा करूं लागला ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

SO-CALLED MANGELĀ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōnyā-ēkā mān'sā-lā dōn pōrā hōtī Tī-man-sō dhāk'lō
Some-one man-to two sons were Them-in-of the-younger
 bāpā-lā bōl'lō, 'bāpā, jō māl'mattē-hō vātō mā-nā yēvyā-hō tō dē'
father-to said, 'father, which property-of share me-to is-to-come that give'
 Mingē tyā-lā sampatti vātūn dūli Mingē thōd'yā
Afterwards them-to property having-divided was-given Afterwards few
 dīhā-n dhāk'lō pōr sakh'li jamā karūn dūr dēsāt gēlō
days-after younger son all together having-made far country-in went
 ānī tayā udhalēpanā-na vāgūn āp'li sampatti udavilī Mingē
and there notousness-with having-lived his property was-wasted Afterwards
 tyān sakh'li kharchiyā-var tyā dēsāt bōthō dukāl pad'lō
him by all being-wasted-on that country-in big famine fell
 Tyā-mulē tyā-lā ad'chan padū lāg'li. Tavā tō tyā dēsā-manī ēkā
Therefore him-to difficulty to-fall began Then he that country-in one
 mān'sā-khanī jān rēlō Tyān tar tyā-lā duk'rā sār'vyā-lā āp'lyā
man-near having-gone stayed Him-by then him swine feeding-for his own
 hētāt dhād'lō Tavā duk'rā jī tar'phalā khāt hōtī, tyā-var tyān
field-in was-sent Then swine which husks eating were, those-on him-by
 āp'lā pōt bhar'vē ahē tyā-lā vāt'lā Ānī kupa tyā-lā
his-own belly should-be-filled so him-to it-appeared And by-anybody him-to
 kay dūlē nay Mingē tō sūddhī-var yēūn bōl'lō, 'mā-yā
anything was-given not Afterwards he sense-on having-come said, 'my
 bāpā-hō kav'dō mōl-karyās bhar-pūr lōtī āy, ānī mī bhukīn
father-of how-many servants-to sufficient bread is, and I hunger-with
 mar'tā Mī uthūn āp'lyā bāpā-khanī jān va tyā-lā bōlēn, "ō
die I having-arisen my-own father-near will-go and him-to will-say, "O
 bāpā, mī Dēvā-hā viruddh va tu-yā hamōr pāp kēlē, na tē
father, (by-)me God-of against and thee of before sin was-done, and that
 ātā-pāsūn tu-yō pōr mī bōl'vyā-lā lāy'k nay Āp'lyā ēkā mōl-karyā-
now-from thy son I saying-for worthy not Your own one servant-
 pramāṇē mā-nā thēv " ' Mingē tō uthūn āp'lyā bāpā-khanī
like me keep " ' Afterwards he having-arisen his own father-near

gēlō Tāvā tō dūr āy ar'dhyi-manī tyā-hō bāpū tyās baghūn
went Then he far is that-much-in his father him having-seen
 bal'ra'lō Āni tyān dhāvūn tyā-hā galyāt muthi ghātīlī va
pitied And him-by having-run his neck-on embrace was-put and
 tyī-hā chumbō ghātīlō Mingē pōr tyā-lī bōl'lō, 'bāpī, Dēvī-hā
his kiss was-taken Afterwards son him-to said, 'father, God of
 vruddh va tu-yā samōr man pāp kēlē āy Āni āthī-pīsūn tu-yō pōi
against and thee-of before by-me sin done is And now-from thy son
 bōl'vyā-lī mī yōgya nay' Parantu bāpān āplyā sāk'rīs hāngit'lā,
saying-for I worthy not' But the-father-by his servants-to it-was-said,
 'barō jhagō ānūn yā-lā ghāl, āni yī-hā hātāt āng'thī va
'good cloth having-brought this one-to put, and this-of on-hand ring and
 pāyā-manī jōdā ghāl Mingē āpūn khāūn majā karū Kāran
feet-on shoes put Then ice having-eaten merry will-make Reason
 yō mā-yō pōr marīt'tō, tō phirūn jitō jhālō, va harapāt'tō tō
this my son dead-was, he again alive became, and lost-was he
 hāpād'lō' Tāvā tē majā karū lāg'lā
was-found' Then they merry to-make began.

MĀHĀRĪ

The Mahārs are found all over the Bombay Presidency Like their namesakes in the Central Provinces, they speak the dialect of their neighbourhood Compare pp 300 and ff , and 351 and ff Specimens of their language have been forwarded from Thana According to the District Gazetteer it is ordinary Marāṭhī, with some strange words, and, especially in the north, with a curious accent

At the last Census of 1901, 44,039 Mahārs were enumerated in Thana They are also known under other names, such as Dhēd Holn, and Parvārī They claim to be village servants, and in many villages are authorities in the matter of boundaries, carry Government treasure, escort travellers, and take away dead animals Some of them are husbandmen, and others gather wood, cut grass, and make brooms and con slings, and so forth A considerable number find employment in Bombay as street sweepers and carriers, and a good many take service in the Bombay army

The local belief is that the Thana Mahārs were brought from the Dekhan by the Marāṭhās to help the Dēsmukhs and the Dēspāndyās to collect the revenue

The Māhārī version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son printed below shows that the dialect in all essential points agrees with the Konkani Standard of Marāṭhī

Ē and *ō* are commonly written *yā* and *vā*, respectively Thus, *tyā*, Standard *tē*, that, *ghvāiā*, horse, *ghōrē*, horses Instead of *yā* we also find *ya* and *yō*, thus, *yak* and *yōk*, one Final *ē* commonly becomes *a*, thus, *bhuka-na*, Standard *bhukē-nē*, with hunger The instances just given show that the Anunāsika is commonly dropped

ā apparently has a broad sound Compare *ānōnd*, happiness, *harōs*, joy, etc

There is no cerebral *n*, *d*, or *l* Compare *pānī*, water, *ghvāiā*, horse, *dvālā*, eye

ṭs is often substituted for *s*, thus, *hṭṭsā*, share, *duṭskōl*, famine

ṛ is dropped before *i* as usual, thus, *iṣ*, twenty, *iṣṭō*, fire

Note the tendency to aspiration in words like *hāt*, eight, *nhav*, nine, *dhāt*, tooth, and so forth.

Forms such as *gyēlā* and *gyālā*, went, *ghyēt'la* and *ghyātla*, took, are well known from other neighbouring dialects

The inflexional system is mainly regular The neuter gender is on the road to disappearance, it being often replaced by the masculine

With regard to nouns we may note the oblique base ending in *s* in forms such as *tuhyā bāpus-lā*, to thy father Note also forms such as *śātān*, in the field.

The inflexion of pronouns shows the same peculiarities as in the case of other neighbouring dialects Compare *mahā*, *mādzhā* and *mādzā*, my, *tyāhā* and *tyātsā*, his, *hāmī*, we, *tumī* and *tumhī*, you Note also *manā*, to me, *māyā* and *mīhā*, by me, *tuyā* and *tunhā*, by thee, and so forth.

The present tense of the verb substantive is inflected as follows —

Sing	1 <i>hāyē</i>	Plur	1 <i>hāvō</i>
	2 <i>hāyēs</i> , <i>hāyas</i>		2 <i>hā</i>
	3 <i>hāyē</i> , <i>hāy</i>		3 <i>hāyēt</i> , <i>hāyēt</i>

Other verbal forms are regular Compare *ālāy*, he has come, *dzān*, I shall go, *mhanan*, I shall say

Note *sāngla*, said, *ṭṣārāyāsnī*, in order to tend, *mhangāy-lā*, to be called, *vāṭun-sam*, having divided, and so forth

For further details the student is referred to the specimen which follows

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MĀHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

काना योका मानसाला हान मुलग व्हत । आनीख त्या-मंधला धाकला बापुसला म्हनला, बावो जो मालमिलकतीचा हिच्चा मना मिलायचा तो मना दे । मग त्यान तो समदा पैका वाटुन-शनि धिला । शोरक्या दिवसानी त्या धाकला प्वार समद दिर्वे गोला करुन-शनि लांबच्या पर्देसांत ग्याला आन तिठ उधल्यपनान व्याफाम रहुन त्या समदा धन उधलून टाकल्या । मग त्यान त्या दिर्वे समद खराचल्या-वर त्या देशा-मन्ही स्वाटा दुचकोल परला । त्या-मुल त्याला जागो-जाग आरचान परू लागली । तंधी तो त्या देशा-मधल्या यका गिरस्ता पशि जाउन-शनि हायला आन त्या गिरस्तान डुकरा चारायास्त्री आपल्या शातान पाठविल । ती डुकरा जी टरफला खात व्हती त्या-वरथि त्यान आपला प्वाट भरावा अस त्याला कलल । आन त्या वक्ती त्याला कान काय वि धिला नाय । तंधी तो सुधी-वर यजन म्हणाला । मज्जा बावोच्या मंजुरदाराना प्वाट भर भाकोर हाये आन मी भुकन मरोतो । मी उठुन-शनि आपल्या बापुस-कर जाडून त्याला म्हनन, हावो बावो मिंहा आकासा दुरुधा आन तुज्या संबुख लय पाप क्वाल हाये । आथा द्रुठुन-शनि तुंभा प्वार म्हणायला मना लय सरमा वाटते । आपल्या यका चाकरा पर्मान मना संभाल । तो उठुन-शनि आपल्या बापा-कर ज्वाला । तवाँ तो लय दूर आये द्रुतक्या-मन्ही त्याचा बापुस त्याला हेरुन-शनि लय कलवलला । त्या वक्ती त्यान पलुन-शनि त्याहा गल्या-मन्ही मिठी मरली आन त्याच मुक घ्यातल । मंग प्वार त्यासनी म्हंगाला, वो बाप्पो आभाला दुरुधा आन तुज्या संबुख मिंहा पाप क्वाल हाये । आन आथा-पून तुम्हा प्वार म्हंगायला वास्तकि न्हायी । त्या वक्ती बापुसन आपल्या न्हाकरास फर्माविल, लय व्यस योक् डगला आनुन-शनि याला पेहरवा । आन याच्या हाता-मन्ही यक मंदी पायान उवारा घाला । मंग मांजोरी व्हासरू आनुन-शनि काटा आन आपुन वी खाजन पिउन-शनि खुचि

वू । कारान कीं य माज प्वार म्याल व्हत त्या सजी भाल आन गमावला व्हता त्या गावला हाये । ते नाचू उरून हरोस करायासनी लागले ॥

त्या वक्ती त्याचा वरला पुतुर शातान व्हता । तो यवून घरा-गोटी धरा-कल्या-वर त्यान वजत्री न्हाच हायीकल । तधी चाकोर-मानसातील योक आसामी वलवुन-शनि त्यान पुसल, द्या काय हाय । तवा त्यान सांगल किनय तुम्हा भाव आलाय आन तो तुम्हा वापुसला सुखाचा मिलला । आवस्था कर्ताना त्यान माजोरी वासरू कापला हाये । तधी तो लय कुर्धी भरुन-शनि आन मन्ही जाय-ना । म्हुन-शनि त्याचा वावो भायर यजन त्या सग ग्वारग्वार वोल् ल्हागला । पन वापुसला जाव धिला कीं पद्द मिंहा इतकी साला तुम्हा गोटी चाकरी करुन-शनि तुम्हा हुकुम वि कदी म्वारला न्हाय । तरी-पन मिंहा आपल्या खेलगया-प खुचेली करावी म्हुन-शनि तुम्हा कदी कडु वि धिला न्हाई । आन ज्यान तुम्हा समदा धन कलवातनी-संग खादुन-शनि टाकल्हा लोयो तुम्हा प्वार आलाय तुम्हा त्याच्या जिवासाठी माजोरी व्हासरू कापलास । त्या वक्ती त्यान त्या-सग ब्यालन ब्याल, प्वारा तु हार घरी मद्दा गोटी हायस । आन मांजी समदी धन-दौलत तुंजीच हाये । परन्तु हरोस व आनोद करावा द्य वाजयी व्हत । कारान कीं यो तुंजा भावो म्याला व्हता तो फ़िरून सजी हाये । गमावला व्हता तो गावला हाये ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

MĀHARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT THANA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kvānā-yōkā mān'sā-lā dvān mul'ga vṛata Ānikh tyā-mandh'lā
Some-one man-to two children were And them-in-being
 dhāk'lā bāpus-lā mhan'lā, 'bābō, dzō māl-mul'katī-tsā lutstsā ma-nā
younger father-to said, 'father, which property-of share me-to
 mulāy-tsā tō ma-nā dē' Mang tyā-na tō sam'dā paikā vātun-
to be-obtained that me-to give' Then him-by that whole money divided-
 sam dhulā Thōr'kyā dv'sā-nī tyā dhāk'lā pṛai sam'da dv'e
having was-given Few days-in that young child all money
 gōlā karun-sani lāmb'chyā paidēsāt gvālā, ān titha
together made-having fat-being other-county-in went, and there
 udhalyapanā-na byāphām rahūn tyā sam'dā dhan udh'lūn
debaucher-y-with heedless lived-having that all property wasted-having
 tāk'lhā Mang tyā na tyā dv'e sam'da kharāts'lyā-va tyā dēsā-
was-thrown Then him-by that money all spent-on that county-
 manhī mvātā dutskōl par'lā Tyā-mula tyā-lā dzāgō-dzāg ārt'sān paū
in big famue fell Therefore him-to everywhere difficulty to-fall
 lāg'lī Tandhī tō tvā dēsā-mandh'lyā yakā gur'stā-paśi dzāun-sam
began Then he that county-in-being one householder-near gone-having
 ihāy'lā Ān tyā gur'stī-na duk'rā tsārāyās-nī āp'lyā śātān pāthailā
lived And that householder by some feeding-for his field-in it-was-sent
 Ti duk'rā jī tār'pbalā khāt vṛatī tyā-var-thu tyā-na āp'lā
Those swine which husks eating were those-on-from him-by his own
 pṛāt bharāvā asa tyā lā kal'lā Ān tyā vaktī tyā-lā kvān
belly should-be-filled so him-to appeared And that time-at him-to by-anybody
 kāy-bī dhulā nāy Tandhī tō suddhī-var yaūn mhangālā, 'mahyā
anything-even was-given not Then he sense-on come-having said, 'my
 bābō-chyā mānjurdārā-nā pṛāt-bhai bhākōi hāyē Ān mī bhuka-na
father-of hired-servants-to belly-full bread is. And I hunger-with
 marōtō Mī uṭhun-sani āp'lyā bāpus-kara dzām, tyā-lā mhanan,
die I arisen-having my father-near will-go, him-to will-say,
 "hāvō bābō, mīhā ākāsā urudhā ān tuhyā sambukh laya pāp
 "O father, me-by heaven against and of-thee before much sin
 kyāla hāyē Āthā ithun-sani tūdzhā pṛai mhangāy-lā ma-nā laya sar'mā
 done is Now from thy son call-myself-to me-to much shame

vāptē āp'lyā yakī tsāk'rā parmāna ma-nā sambhāl'' Tō uṭhun-
appears *Yom-on* *one* *servant* *as* *me* *consider''* *He* *arisen-*
 śini āp'lyā bīpā-kara jyālā Tavā tō laya dūi āyē, it'kyā-manhī
having *his* *father-near* *went.* *Then* *he* *much* *far* *is,* *this-much-in*
 tvī-tsū bīpus tyī-lā hēiun-śani laya kal'val'lā Tyā vakti tyā-na
his *father* *him* *to* *seen-having* *much* *pitied* *That* *time-at* *him-by*
 palun śani ' tyāhā galyā-manhī mithī mār'li ān tyā-tsa muka
seen-having *his* *neck-on* *embracing* *was-struck* *and* *his* *kiss*
 ghyit'li Mang p'vū tyas-nī mhangālā, 'vō bāppō, ābhā lā iradhā
was-taken *Then* *child* *him-lo* *said,* *'O* *father,* *heaven-to* *against*
 ān tuhi sambukh mīhā pāp kyāla hāyē Ān āthū-pūn tudzhā p'vār
and *of-thee* *before* *by* *me* *sin* *done* *is* *And* *now-from* *thy* *child*
 mhangiv-lā vīstakī nhāyī' Tyā vakti bāpus-na āp'lyā nvhāk'rās
to-call-myself *fitness* *not-is'* *That* *time-at* *father-by* *his* *servants-to*
 pharmāla, 'lava byas yōk dag'lā ānun-śani yā-lā pēh'ravā, ān
it-was *ordered,* *'much* *good* *one* *robe* *brought-having* *this-to* *put-on,* *and*
 yachyī hātī-manhī yak mandi, pāyān dzvārā ghālā Mang māndzōri
this *of* *hand-on* *one* *ring,* *feet-on* *shoes* *put* *And* *fat*
 vkhā'rū ānun-śani kātā Ān āpun bī khāūn piun-śani
calf *brought-having* *kill* *And* *we* *also* *eaten-having* *drunk-having*
 khuchi vhavū Kārān kī ya mādza p'vāi myāla vhatā, tyā śaji
happy *shall* *be* *Reason* *that* *this* *my* *child* *dead* *was,* *it* *alive*
 dzhāla, in gamāv'li vhatā, tyā gāv'lā hāyē' Tō nātsū uūn
became, *and* *lost* *was,* *it* *found* *is'* *They* *dancing* *jumping*
 harōs kārāyās-nī lāg'lē
joy *to-make* *began*

Tyī vakti tyā-tsa var'lā putui sātān vhatā Tō yavūn
That *time* *at* *his* *big* *son* *field* *in* *was* *He* *come* *having*
 gharā-gōti dharāk'lyā-var tyā-na vajatri nhāts hāyik'la Tandhī tsākōr-
house-near *coming-on* *him-by* *music* *dance* *was-heard* *Then* *servant-*
 māsātīl yōk āsāmī bal'vun-śani tyā na pus'la, 'hyā kāy hāya?'
men *among* *one* *person* *called-having* *him* *by* *it-was-asked,* *'this* *what* *is?'*
 Tavā tyā-na sāng'la kinay, 'tudzhā bhāv ālāy, ān tō tuhyā
Then *him* *by* *it-was* *said* *that,* *'thy* *brother* *come-has,* *and* *he* *thy*
 bāpus-lā sukhā-tsū mī'lā Āvayā-kartānā tyā-na māndzōi vās'ū kāp'lā
father-to *happiness-of* *was-met* *This* *reason-for* *him-by* *fat* *calf* *killed*
 hāyē' Tandhī tō laya kudhī bharun śani ān manhī
is' *Then* *he* *much* *anger-with* *filled-having-become* *and* *inside*
 dzāy-nā Mhun-śani tyā-tsa babō bhāyāi yāūn tyā-sanga gvār-
would *not-go* *Therefore* *his* *father* *outside* *come-having* *him-with* *sweet-*
 gvāi bōlū lhāg'lā Pan bāpus-lā jāb dhilā kī, 'pahya, mīhā
sweet *to-speak* *began* *But* *father-to* *answer* *was-given* *that,* *'lo,* *me-by*

KŌNKANĪ

Kōnkanī is the language of the Konkan to the south of Rajapur. The number of speakers may be roughly estimated at about 1,500,000 people.

The name Kōnkanī seems to be of a relatively recent date. The authors who first mentioned the language describe it as *lingua bramānca*, *lingua Canarim* or *Canarina*, *lingua bramāna Goana*, and so

forth. Kōnkanī means the language of the Konkan, *i.e.*, the strip of country between the Ghats and the sea, and it might therefore also be used to connote the language of the country to the north of Rajapur. This has sometimes been the case,—in Mr. Beames' Comparative Grammar, for instance, and the common statement that there are two main dialects of Marāthī, Dakhanī and Kōnkanī, is partly based on this wider use of the word. The dialects spoken in the northern Konkan are, however, closely related to Standard Marāthī. The dialects of the northern part of Ratnagiri gradually lead from this form of speech to the language of the Southern Konkan, and the name Kōnkanī should be reserved for this latter form. It is pronounced *Kōnkanī* and *Kōnknī* in the north, and *Konkanī* in the south. The original seat of the language was Gōmānta or Goa, and it is, therefore, often called Gōmāntakī or Goanese. After the Portuguese had conquered Goa a large number of Brāhmans and Śūdras fled and settled on the coast of Kanara. At a later period emigrants brought the language to Belgaum, Sawantwadi, and Ratnagiri, where it is locally known as *Bārdēskari*, *Kudālī* and *Mālvanī*.

The Kōnkanī language is spoken throughout the Konkan from Malwan in the north to Karwar in the south. The purest form is considered to be that spoken in Tishwada in Sashti, a province of Goa. In

North Kanara, Kōnkanī is the home tongue of higher caste Hindus, and partly also of the lower classes. It is the language of the Native Christians of North and South Kanara, and it has also been brought by Konkani settlers to Honavar, Mangalore, and even to Cochin. The Linguistic Survey is not concerned with the languages spoken in South Kanara and Malabar. In North Kanara, Kōnkanī is spoken on the coast, from Karwar to Bhatkal, and inland in Supa Peta and in the towns of Siddapur, Sirsi, and Yellapur.

In Belgaum Kōnkanī is spoken in the south-west of the district, on the frontier towards Sawantwadi, especially in the Belgaum Taluka. It has been variously returned as Kōnkanī, Gōmāntakī, and Bārdēskari. Under the latter name it is also spoken in Khanapur, by the Bārdēskars, a tribe of Marāthā Brāhmans, which forms one of the subdivisions of the Śēnvīs.

In Sawantwadi, Christians from Goa have been settled for about two centuries. They are chiefly found in villages in the south-west corner of the State. Kōnkanī is, moreover, the main language of the State. It is usually known as Kudālī, *i.e.*, the language of the Kudal Peta. The same name is also used in Ratnagiri where Kōnkanī is the chief language south of Rajapur. From the Taluk Malwan in the south of Ratnagiri is derived the name Mālvanī under which the language is locally known.

Kōnkanī has also been returned from Kolaba, but the Collector states that the dialect so designated is simply the ordinary Marāthī of the district.

A few speakers are also found in Dharwar, in Kolhapur and, outside the Bombay Presidency, in Chanda in the Central Provinces, while strong communities of Kōṅkanī and Kudālī speaking people are found in Bombay Town and Island

Kōṅkanī is bounded on the east and south by Kanaṇese, and towards the north it gradually merges into Standard Marāthī through the dialects known as Sangamēśvarī and Bāṅkōṭī

Linguistic Boundaries

Kōṅkanī is a Marāthī dialect, having branched off from the common parent Prakrit at a relatively early period. This fact accounts for the many apparent divergencies between the two forms of speech

Relation to Marāthī

Kōṅkanī has, in many respects, preserved an older stage of phonetical development, and shows a greater variety of verbal forms than Standard Marāthī. Several forms are peculiar to the dialect, and others have come to be used in a different way from what is the case in Standard Marāthī. The tradition according to which the Śēnvis, a tribe of Brāhmins who have largely spread over the Konkan from Goa, were originally brought from Tihōtra by Parasurāma, has been adduced by native writers as pointing to the conclusion that Kōṅkanī has a different origin from Marāthī and is derived from some old dialect called Sarasvatī Bīlabhāshī, which was originally spoken in Tuhut. The same writers also point to the broad pronunciation of the short *a*, which sounds almost as an *o*, as a confirmation of this view. The missionaries of Goa and Mangalore, to whom we are largely indebted for our knowledge of Kōṅkanī, are of a similar opinion, and contend that Kōṅkanī is not a dialect of Marāthī. Their view is, however, based on too narrow a conception of the idea connoted by the word dialect. They apparently think that a dialect is a deterioration of some other form of speech, and if such were the case Kōṅkanī would certainly be a separate language, as would almost every dialect all over India. The line between dialects and languages is, of course, difficult to draw, but in the case of Marāthī and Kōṅkanī there cannot be any doubt. They are both derived from the same Prakrit and are both dialects of the same form of speech. The reason for our calling this language Marāthī and not Kōṅkanī is that the national literature is written in a language which is mainly derived from the northern dialects of Puna and Satara, and not from those spoken in the Konkan. Compare the General Introduction to the group, above, pp 3 and ff

Kōṅkanī is not a uniform language throughout the area in which it is spoken, but varies according to locality and to the caste of the speakers

Dialects.

In the north, in Sawantwadi and Ratnagiri, the spoken form gradually approaches Standard Marāthī. The minor dialects which form the connecting link with that form of speech will be dealt with below. In Goa the language is largely mixed up with Portuguese words. Monsenhor S R Dalgado estimates the amount of such loanwords at about one-tenth of the whole vocabulary. In Kanara the proportion of Dravidian words is greater, and it increases as we go southwards. The pronunciation, moreover, varies from place to place. All these differences do not, however, affect the general character of the language, and we need not split it up into sub-dialects. Somewhat different is the case with regard to caste dialects such as Dildī and Chitpāvanī, and these as well as Kudālī will be separately dealt with in the following pages. Minor discrepancies will be noted in the remarks on Kōṅkanī grammar below

The estimates of the number of speakers which follow are based on local returns furnished for the use of the Linguistic Survey. Konkani has been returned under various names, and these have been added in the table which follows —

Name of District &c	Reported name of dialect	Number of speakers
Bombay Town and Island	Konkani	24,000
"	Kudali	90,000
Goa	Goanese	2,300
"	Kudali	302,000
"	Goanese	1,000
"	Kudali	183,600
"	Konkani	157,000
Portuguese	Konkani	1,150
"	Goanese	1,500
"	Banleskari	2,500
Daman	Konkani	1,700
Diu	Konkani	300
	Total	773,650

To this total must be added the speakers of Daldi and Chitpavani, two dialects which form the connecting link between Kudali, the northernmost dialect of Konkani, and the Marathi dialects of the Central and Northern Konkan. Both will be separately dealt with below. The revised figures are 23,500 and 69,000 respectively. The total number of speakers of Konkani and its sub-dialects in the districts which fall within the scope of the Linguistic Survey are, therefore, as follows —

Konkani, including Kudali	773,650
Daldi	23,500
Chitpavani	69,000
TOTAL	866,150

Outside the Bombay Presidency Konkani has only been returned from Chanda in the Central Provinces. At the Census of 1891, speakers were enumerated in the Madras Presidency, in Coorg, Mysore and Rajputana, and Konkani is, lastly, the principal language of the Portuguese dominions in India. The final figures are, therefore, as follows —

Bombay Presidency	866,150
Madras Presidency	132,879
Coorg	2,129
Mysore	4,166
Portuguese India	560,000
Rajputana	47
Chanda	20
TOTAL	1,565,391

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Kōṅkaṇī is said to have developed an indigenous literature before the Portuguese conquest This conquest aimed at the introduction of Christianity, and the old manuscripts were burnt by the invaders as containing pagan doctrines The zeal of the missionaries caused the temples to be burnt and at the same time destroyed the old literature so that no traces are now left They even tried to exterminate the language, and in 1684 a royal proclamation was issued forbidding the use of Kōṅkaṇī among the natives In 1731 the Inquisitor of Goa, in a letter to the King, complains of 'the non-observance of the law of His Most Serene Lord Dom Sebastião and of the Goanese councils which forbids to the natives of the country to speak in their idiom, compelling them to speak only the Portuguese language'

Under such circumstances it cannot be wondered that the study of Kōnkanī was not initiated by the Portuguese. The merit of having first dealt with this language belongs to an Englishman.

Thomas Stephens (Thomaz Estevão), who came to Goa in 1579 and died there in 1619, wrote the first Kōnkanī grammar. From his hand we also possess a Catechism and a paraphrase of the New Testament in the popular *Ōvī* metre. This latter book, which contains 11,018 stanzas in two parts, was printed at Rachol in 1616, was reprinted in 1649 and 1654, and is still a favourite book with native Christians. Since that time a religious literature in Kōnkanī has grown up, proceeding from the pens of Portuguese missionaries and native converts. For a fuller account of this literature the student may consult Gerson da Cunha's *Materials for the History of Oriental Studies amongst the Portuguese*, quoted under authorities.

A national literature in Kōnkanī does not exist. Some lyrical poems have, however, been printed by M. M. V. d'Abreu in his periodical publication *Ramalhetinho*, Goa, 1866.

The old Kōnkanī literature is said to have been written in the Dēvanāgarī alphabet which was also used by Carey in his translation of the New Testament into this dialect. Later on the Kanarese alphabet was introduced, and, lastly, the Jesuit Fathers of the Christian College at Mangalore have made use of the Roman alphabet in several of their religious books. The modern literature is almost exclusively religious, and it is now written in all the three characters just mentioned.

Pronunciation.—Kōnkanī is usually described as a strongly nasal language. The nasalisation is carried to the extreme degree by the Śēnvīs of Karwar. Compare below, pp. 188 and ff., where a short account of their dialect will be given. The Anunāsika is much more strongly pronounced than is the case in Standard Marāṭhī, and sometimes entirely supersedes a following sound, thus, *paryān*, for *paryant*, until, *śetān*, for *śetānt*, in the field. It is usually replaced by the class nasal before all mute consonants, thus, *śetānt*, Standard Marāṭhī *śētāt*, in the field. In other respects its use is regulated in the same way as in Standard Marāṭhī.

In the extreme south, about Mangalore, and also among the Śēnvīs of Karwar, we find the same rule as in Kanarese that no word can end in a pure consonant, a short vowel sound being always added. Thus, *pūt*, son, *kēs*, hair, *dgān*, persons. This short vowel is sometimes, especially in Karwar, fully sounded, and we find forms such as *sānu*, the younger, *pūta*, sons. The preservation of old final vowels in such dialects is probably due to Kanarese influence, and, as a general rule, we may say that the short *a* is pronounced in the same cases as in Standard Marāṭhī. The accent usually rests on the final syllable, though never on the short vowel pronounced after a final consonant. Under the influence of the stress a short vowel is often dropped in the penultimate, thus, *dhā*, Standard *dahā*, ten, *sā* or *sō*, Standard *sahā*, six.

The short *a* has the usual sound like *u* in 'but' in the north, from Sawantwadī to Bombay. Farther south it becomes more open, like the *o* in 'hot,' and it is then usually written *o* or *u*, thus, *boṛē*, well, *bom*, sister, *mon*, *mhan*, and *mhun*, say. It is then often lengthened before compound consonants, thus, *pōd-chē*, which will fall, *kōrn*, having done. In such cases the *ō* is also due to the dropping of the *u* which originally followed, compare Standard Marāṭhī *karūn*, having done. A final *ə* and *u* are similarly sometimes reflected epenthetically in the preceding vowel, changing a short *a* to *ē* and *ō* respectively, thus, *gēr*, from *gar*, in the house, *vair* or *voir*, from *uvar*, Standard Marāṭhī *var*, on, *bōv*, much, but *bavutē*, with the emphatic particle *tē* added.

A long *ā* corresponds to Standard Marāthī *ē* in the Nominative plural of neuter nouns, thus, *varsā*, Standard *varshē*, years. On the other hand the final *ē* in strong neuter bases is preserved as *ē* in Kōnkanī, thus, *borē bhurgē*, a good child. Kōnkanī has here preserved an older state of affairs than Standard Marāthī, the termination *ē* in the neuter plural being derived from Prakrit *āī*, while *ē* in the neuter singular goes back to a Prakrit *ayā*. In the same way Kōnkanī has *ā* in the Future of the first conjugation where Standard Marāthī has *ē*, thus, *uthān*, Standard *uthēn*, I will rise.

I and *ū* are generally treated as in Standard Marāthī. They are, however, sometimes shortened, and even dropped, in cases where they are pronounced long in Standard Marāthī. Thus, *ghet'li* and *ghet'li*, she was taken, *mā, ūn* and *mā, n*, having struck.

E and *o* have two different sounds, a long and closed, and an open and short one. The short *e* and *o* are best distinguished in the specimens written in Kanarese letters. The Sawantwadi specimens, which are written in Dēvanāgarī, make use of the signs ऐ and ओ in order to denote the short *e* and *o* respectively. These signs are also used in Bihārī.

The two sounds are interchangeable in somewhat the same way as short and long *i* and *u*, the long sound being shortened in the penultimate and in syllables preceding it. Thus, *ēl*, one, oblique *elā*, *lōk*, people, oblique *lo'ā*. The open sounds, however, also occur in many other instances.

E is short in the terminations of the plural masculine, and in the neuter singular; thus, *chede gele*, the boys went, *kelē*, it was done, *sag'lē*, all, etc. The short *e* sometimes also occurs in words such as *tel*, oil, *set*, field, *el* and *ēl*, one, in all of which the following consonant is derived from a double consonant in Prakrit, compare Māhārāṣṭrī Prakrit *tella*, oil, *chhetta*, field, *ella*, one. In the same way we also find *put* and *pūt*, Prakrit *putta*, son. In this respect Kōnkanī agrees with Sindhī, Lahndā, and the Pāzāchī languages of North-Western India. In some of the specimens, however, no distinction is made between the two sounds, and our materials are not sufficient to define the rules regarding their interchange.

The short, open, *o* is found in the nominative of strong masculine bases and in the verbal forms agreeing with them, in which cases we find *ā* in Standard Marāthī; thus, *ghodo*, a horse, *gelo*, he went. The feminine plural of weak bases, on the other hand apparently ends in *ō*, thus, *cātō*, ways, but also *dhuvo*, daughters. Open *o* also occurs in the infinitive, which ends in *ūl* or *ōl*, or else in *ūk*, thus, *mhanōl*, to say, *mārūk* and *mārūk*, to strike.

Initial *e* and *o* are usually pronounced as *ye* and *vo* respectively. Pater Maffei illustrates this tendency by some instances of the native pronunciation of foreign words; thus, *yergo* for Latin *ergo*, *cordo* for Latin *ordo*. He thinks it probable that this pronunciation is due to the influence of Kanarese. Instead of *ye* we dialectically find *yō* in *yōl*, one (Goa and Belgaum), *yō*, go (Belgaum), etc.

ai and *au* are not proper diphthongs in Kanarese, but are frequently written instead of *āy* and *āv* respectively. The same seems to be the case in Kōnkanī, where *ai* and *āy*, *au* and *āv* are continually interchanged, thus, *ailo* and *āylo*, he came. When these sounds are nasalised the semivowels *y* and *v* are apparently pronounced through the nose. Thus we must infer from such spellings as *bāpāyī* and *bāpāīk*, to fathers, *hāv*, *hāv*, and *hāvā*, I. The correct spellings are probably *bāpāyīk* and *hāv*.

It has not been possible to give definite rules for the pronunciation of the vowels in Kōnkanī, because the spelling of the specimens received is not very consistent. The question is, however, of considerable importance for the understanding of the phonetical development of Kōnkanī and also of Marāthī, and it is much to be desired that some phonetically trained scholar in the Konkan will give us an exact description of the sounds.

The consonants are, generally speaking, pronounced as in Standard Marāṭhī. Some few exceptions will be noted in what follows.

Aspirated letters have a strong tendency to lose their aspiration (another instance of agreement with the languages of the North-West). Thus, we find *bon*, Standard *bham*, sister, *bāv*, Standard *bhāv*, brother, *gēi*, Standard *gharī*, at the house, *āmī*, Standard *amhī*, we, *āṭ* and *hāṭ*, I, *o* and *ho*, thus. In *bōv*, much, *rāv^olo*, he remained, the *h* seems to have been elided and replaced by a euphonic *v*. The aspirates are, however, often preserved in writing. How indistinct their pronunciation is, is shown by the fact that they are sometimes written instead of unaspirated letters, thus, *dhūr* and *dūr*, far.

The palatals are pronounced as in Standard Marāṭhī. The emphatic particle *ṭe*, before which a short *a* is inserted if the preceding word ends in a consonant, has preserved the older form *chi* in Karwai.

The common pronunciation of *jū* is *gny*, thus, *gnyān*, knowledge. This sound only occurs in borrowed words.

The cerebral letters are pronounced as in Standard Marāṭhī. *D* and *dh* appear instead of *d* in *dukar* or *dhukai*, swine. This is probably due to the influence of Kanarese, in which language an initial *d* is sometimes interchangeable with *ḍ*.

The cerebral *n* is used as in Standard Marāṭhī. Note, however, *ām*, Standard *ani*, and

The cerebral *l* is also used as in Standard. *Sakal*, all, is probably different from *sag^olo*, all.

V is often dropped before *i*, and occasionally also before *e*; thus, *ikh* and *vikh*, to sell, *is^okal* and *vis^okal*, scattered, *isār* and *visār*, forget, *yepār*, business. It has sometimes an aspirated sound, thus, *vhad*, *vhod*, and even *hod*, great, compare Standard *vadil*, *vhād^zap*, music, *sirvidor*, Portuguese *servidor*, a servant. Similarly we also find *mhal*, Standard *māl*, property. *V* between vowels is sometimes interchangeable with *y*, thus, *tuvē* and *tuyē*, by thee.

A dental *n* and *l* often become cerebralised when a cerebral sound precedes, thus, *mhan* for *mhanⁿ*, having said, *hodlo*, for *ho^olo*, big, *dhād^olo* and *dhālo*, for *dhād^olo*, sent, *me^olo* and *me^olo* for *me^olo*, he was found. Occasionally we find other instances of assimilation, thus, *mālli*, for *mār^oli*, she was struck, *vtgāl^olē* for *vtgār^olē*, it was asked. In a similar way an Anunāsika usually coalesces with a following *n*, thus, *dukā ā nē*, for *dukārā-nē*, by pigs. It may be noted in this connection that some dialects, especially in Belgaum, show the same tendency to drop altogether the Anunāsika that is so characteristic of other Marāṭhī dialects.

Nouns.—Gender is usually distinguished in the same way as in Standard Marāṭhī. Nouns denoting women before puberty or marriage are, however, neuter, and the same gender is also used to denote women of inferior rank. Thus, *chedū*, a daughter, a girl; *tē khaī gēlē*, where did she (let it) go? In the case of animals the gender is sometimes distinguished by adding the adjectives *dādlo*, male, and *bāilo*, female, thus, *sunē*, dog, *bāil* or *bāilē sunē*, a bitch, *dād^olē donk*, a male crane, and so forth.

The plural is formed as in Standard Marāṭhī. We need only remember that the feminine plural ends in *ō*, *ī*, and *o*, and the neuter plural of weak bases in *ā*, thus, *rānyo*, queens, *vorāṣē*, years.

The oblique form of feminine bases in *ī* ends in *yē*, plural *yā*, thus, *īānē*, a queen, dative *rānyēk*, plural *rānyā^k*. *Bāpūy*, a father, has the oblique form *bāpāy*. In other respects the oblique form of all bases is the same as in Standard Marāṭhī.

The oblique form is sometimes used for the genitive and even for the dative, thus, *Devā karpā*, God's mercy, *kṛtyā* and *kṛtyāk*, what for? why? *bāpāy* (Belgaum), to the father

The instrumental, which case is also used as the case of the agent, is formed by adding *n* to the oblique form, thus, *bhukān*, by hunger. The Saraswat Brāhmans of Karwar sometimes use this case irregularly, thus, *bāpsunē āsille-kade*, father-by being-to, to where the father was, *hāvē tugelē tsākri kartā*, me-by thy service am-doing, I am doing thy service

The genitive is formed as in the Standard by adding the suffixes *to*, fem *chī*, n *chē*, to the oblique form. A derived adjective which is used as a genitive is sometimes formed by adding the same suffixes to the base, thus, *tyā gāv-chyā ekā gēr rāv'lo*, that village-of one's house-in-remained, he stayed with an inhabitant of that village. As in Standard Marāthī, the genitive is inflected like an adjective

Another suffix of the genitive is *gelo*, thus, *mā-gelyā bāpsu-gelyā tsākri-parkī*, among the servants of my father. This form seems to be peculiar to the north, and occurs in specimens received from Karwar and Bombay. A form *bāpāy-lo*, my father's, also occurs in the specimen received from Bombay

The locative is formed by adding *r* to the oblique form, or, in the case of animate beings, to the oblique form of the genitive, thus, *vātēr*, on the road, *bāpā-chēr*, with the father. The suffix *gēr* in *ām-gēr*, with us, *Pedrū-gēr*, at Pedro's, is originally a locative of *gar*, house. Old locatives are also *setā*, in the field, *garā*, in the house, *velē*, at the time, and so on

With regard to **Pronouns**, the only point which calls for a special remark is the fact that the nominative of the first person singular is formed from the base which occurs in Sanskrit *aham*, thus, *hāō*, *āō*, *hāv*, *hāv*, I. The case of the agent in *hāvē* or *hāvē*, by me

The Kōnkanī **Verb** presents several characteristic features

The verb substantive will be found in the Skeleton Grammar on pp 172 and f. The forms used in Kudālī are different. It is, however, probable that the conjugation given in the Skeleton Grammar is not the only one, and that the Kudālī forms also occur in Kōnkanī proper. The usual forms are derived from *asū*, to be, but we also occasionally find forms such as *hāy*, is, *hotā*, was, and it seems safe to assume that corresponding forms may also be used in the other persons

The finite verb differs in some points from Standard Marāthī

The active and the passive constructions are used as in Standard Marāthī, thus, *hāō mar'tā*, I die, *tānē sāsān dilo*, by-him his-property was given. The impersonal construction is also, in most cases, used regularly, thus, *tāpē sāng'lē*, by-him it-was said, he said. In the cases, however, where an inflected object is dependent on a transitive verb in the past tense the verb usually agrees with the object as in the Konkani Standard. Compare Gujarātī. Thus, *tānē tā-kā dhād'lo*, him-by as-for-him he-was-sent, he sent him

With regard to the formation of tenses, Kōnkanī has apparently lost the past habitual. There are no traces of it in Pater Maffei's grammar. In the specimens received from Sawantwadi and Bombay, however, we find forms such as *tsalast*, they used to treat, *hādīt*, they used to bring, *pharat*, they used to carry. On the other hand, Kōnkanī has developed some new tenses

The present tense differs from Marāthī in that it does not change for gender. Thus we find *to*, *tī*, and *tē mātū*, he, she, and it sleeps. This tense is often used to denote future time, and a new future tense has been formed from it by adding *lo*, thus, *māt'olō*, I shall sleep. Compare Rājasthānī. The form ending in *ān* or *in*, corresponding to

Standard *ēn*, *in*, respectively, is also used but has commonly the sense of a contingent future, thus, *ndān*, I may sleep, *mā in*, I may strike

The imperfect is often formed in the same way as in Standard Marāṭhī, but it may also take the suffix *tālō*, thus, *nd^otālō*, fem -*lī*, n -*lō*, I was sleeping

Kōnkanī has developed a perfect as well as a past tense, the former being a contraction of the past participle and the verb substantive Thus, *nd^olō*, I slept, *nd^olā*, from *ndal āhā*, I have slept

The two forms of the past participle, Marāṭhī *nd^olā* and *nd^olālā*, have been differentiated in their use in Kōnkanī, the former being a past, and the latter a pluperfect participle, from which a pluperfect tense is formed, thus, *ndullō* or *nd^ololō*, I had slept, *gellō*, I had gone

The infinitive in *ũ* is often used as an imperative, thus, *āsũ*, be, *gālũ*, let him put, or, he may put The usual case suffixes may be added to it, thus, *korũk*, in order to do, *yēũ-chē āsā*, it is to be gone The suffix *tgo*, *chi*, *chē*, added to the infinitive in *ũ* or to the root, forms a future participle passive, which is used like the corresponding Latin participle in *undus* to denote the different forms of the verbal noun Thus, *yēũ-chē āsā*, Latin *eundum est*, a going should be done, *khusālāy kar-chi ām santōs pāv-tgo somā dzāvū āsā*, merriment to-be-made and pleasure to-be-felt proper having-become is, it is proper to make merry and to be glad Compare Latin *ad urbem condendam* This participle also corresponds to the Standard Marāṭhī form in *vē*, from which the subjunctive mood is formed, thus, *hāvē nd-chē*, I ought to sleep

The various participial forms are also employed to form relative clauses The relative pronoun is seldom used, especially in the south This state of affairs is probably due to the influence of Kanarese

The causal verb is formed by adding *āy* instead of Standard *āv*, thus, *kaāylō*, I caused to do

The potential verb is always used impersonally and ends in *ye* or *yet*, thus, *hāvē mārye*, I can beat

Dzā or *dzāy* is added in order to denote obligation or necessity, thus, *hāvē māy dzāy*, I should beat

The irregular verbs will be found in the Skeleton Grammar In this place we may only note that the root *dzān*, to know, forms its present from the root, thus, *dzānā*, I know The corresponding negative verb is *nyānā* or *nenā*, I do not know Other tenses do not occur In a similar way we also find *tsallō*, I go, compare Māhārāshtrī Prakrit *challāmi*, I go

The negative verb is a characteristic feature of Kōnkanī The usual Marāṭhī forms often occur, but a new system of negative conjugation has also been developed It is effected by adding the various forms of the negative verb to the base in the present and imperfect tenses, thus, *nda-nā*, he does not sleep, *nda nānt*, they do not sleep, *nda-nāt^olō*, I was not sleeping The past tense is often formed from the present by adding *dzālo*, became, thus, *vatsa-nā dzālo*, he did not go More commonly, however, it is formed by adding the present tense of the verb substantive to the infinitive in *uk* (*ōk*) or *ũ* (*ō*), thus, *ndūk-nā*, I did not sleep, *vatsōk-nānt*, they did not go

It is hoped that when the preceding remarks are borne in mind the student will be able to easily grasp the features of the language from the skeleton grammar which follows Space does not allow us to go into further detail, and in order to get a thorough knowledge of the language it will be necessary to work through Pater Maffei's grammar

KŌNKANĪ SKELETON GRAMMAR.

I — NOUNS

	Masculine nouns		Feminine nouns			Neuter nouns	
Sing							
Nom	<i>pūt</i> , a son	<i>godo</i> , a horse	<i>vāṭi</i> , a road	<i>lūḍi</i> , body	<i>rāṇi</i> , a queen	<i>vorā</i> , a year	<i>burgē</i> , a child.
Instr	<i>putān</i>	<i>godyaṇ</i>	<i>vāṭṇ</i>	<i>ludīn</i>	<i>rāṇyēn</i>	<i>vorāṇ</i>	<i>burgyaṇ</i>
Dat	<i>putāl</i>	<i>godyal</i>	<i>vāṭēl</i>	<i>ludil</i>	<i>rāṇyēl</i>	<i>vorāḷ</i>	<i>burgyal</i>
Gen	<i>putā chō</i>	<i>godya chō</i>	<i>vāṭe-chō</i>	<i>ludī chō</i>	<i>rāṇye chō</i>	<i>vorāi chō</i>	<i>burgya chō</i>
Loc.	<i>putā chēr</i>	<i>godya chēr</i>	<i>vāṭēr</i>	<i>ludīr</i>	<i>rāṇye chēr</i>	<i>vorār</i>	<i>burgyī-chēr</i>
	<i>putānt</i>	<i>godyaṇt</i>	<i>vāṭēnt</i>	<i>ludīnt</i>	<i>rāṇyēnt</i>	<i>vorānt</i>	<i>burgyaṇt</i>
Plur							
Nom	<i>pūt</i>	<i>gode</i>	<i>vāṭō</i>	<i>ludī</i>	<i>rāṇyo</i>	<i>vorāḍ</i>	<i>burgī</i>
Instr	<i>putā nī</i>	<i>godyaḍ nī</i>	<i>vāṭḍ nī</i>	<i>ludī nī</i>	<i>rāṇyḍ nī</i>	<i>vorāḍ nī</i>	<i>burgyḍ-nī</i>
Dat.	<i>putāl</i>	<i>godyal</i>	<i>vāṭḍl</i>	<i>ludīl</i>	<i>rāṇyḍl</i>	<i>vorāḍl</i>	<i>burgyal</i>
Gen	<i>putā chō</i>	<i>godyaḍ-chō</i>	<i>vāṭḍ chō</i>	<i>ludī chō</i>	<i>rāṇyḍ chō</i>	<i>vorāḍ-chō</i>	<i>burgyḍ chō</i>

Postpositions are added to the oblique form, thus, *bāpṛ laḍe* or *bāpṛy laḍe*, with the father, *putṛ lūḍī*, near the son. The genitive is inflected as an adjective; thus, *bāpṛ chī burgī*, the father's children.

Adjectives ending in *o* have different forms for genders and numbers. Thus, *boro*, good, fem *borī*, n *borē*, obl *borā* and *borē*, plur *bore*, f *borḍ*, n *borī*. Other adjectives do not change.

II — PRONOUNS

	I	We	Thou	You	Self	Who?	What?	
Nom	<i>hāo</i>	<i>āmī</i>	<i>tū</i>	<i>tumī</i>	<i>āpṛ</i>	<i>lōn</i>	<i>kīṭō</i>	(1) Also used as an honorific singular
Instr	<i>hāoṭ</i>	<i>āmī</i>	<i>tuoṭ</i>	<i>tumī</i>	<i>āpṛnō</i>	<i>konō</i>	<i>kītyān</i>	
Dat.	<i>mā lā</i>	<i>ām-lā</i>	<i>tu kō</i>	<i>tum lā</i>	<i>āpṛāl</i>	<i>konāl</i>	<i>kītyāl</i>	(2) Plural <i>konāl</i> , etc
Gen.	<i>mojō</i>	<i>ām-chō</i>	<i>tujō</i>	<i>tum chō</i>	<i>āpṛṭō</i> <i>āpṛnā-chō</i>	<i>lonā chō</i>	<i>kītyā chō</i>	
Obl	<i>mojyā</i>	<i>ām chiyā</i>	<i>tujyā</i>	<i>tum chiyā</i>	<i>āpṛlyā</i>	<i>lonā</i>	<i>kītyā</i>	

That

	maso	fem.	neuter	plural	
Nom	<i>to</i>	<i>tī</i>	<i>tō</i>	<i>to, f tyō, n tī</i>	Instead of <i>tā lā</i> , etc, we also find <i>to kā, tyā lā</i> , etc
Instr	<i>tāpō</i>	<i>tīpō</i>	<i>tānō</i>	<i>tā nī</i>	
Dat	<i>tā kā</i>	<i>tī lā</i>	<i>tā kō</i>	<i>tā-lā</i>	So also <i>hō, hī, hō</i> , obl <i>hyā</i> , thus, <i>āzo, jī, jō</i> , obl <i>jyā</i> , which.
Gen	<i>tā-chō</i>	<i>tī chō</i>	<i>tā-chō</i>	<i>tā chō</i>	
Obl	<i>tyā</i>	<i>tyā</i>	<i>tyā</i>	<i>tyā</i>	

Indefinite pronouns are *lōn*, some one; *lon-i*, anyone; *lāṭī*, something

III-VERBS

A. Verbs Substantivo—

Ās, to be, conjugated as a regular verb. Only the Present tense is irregular, and has two forms *ās* and *āh*. Both are conjugated in the same way. Thus, *ās*, I am; *āh*, thou art; *ās*, he is, *ās*, we are, *ās*, you are, *ās*, they are.

Decline Verb Substantive—*am*, I am *no*, 1 *nā*, 3 *nā*, plural 1 *nāṁ*, 2 *nāt*, 3 *nāt*, or *nāt* throughout. Imperfect *am* *ti*, I was *;* *Paṁ* *am* *ti*, I was *no*.

B. Finite Verb—

First CONJUNCTION — unite or attach, to sleep

Verbal Nouns, and 17 *niš-šā nišā*, to stop.

Participles, Present, *and'ing*, Imperfect, *and'ting*, Past, *and'ed*, Future, *and'to*, he who will sleep.

Conjunctive Participle, *videtur, videtur mihi, Lavinia slept.*

Adverbial Participle, mā tasmā , and tā tasmā , while sleeping.

	Ptc	Pa	Perfect.	1st Future.	2nd Future	Imperative
2. 8	1. 414. 3	mid'itō, f. it, n. itō	mid'itā, f. itā, n. itā	mid'telō, f. telī, n. telō	midān	
	2. 415. 39	mid'itōy, f. ity, n. itōy	mid'itay, f. itay, n. itōy	mid'teloy, f. telly, n. telōy	mid'it	mid
	3. 411. 2	mid'it, f. it, n. it	mid'itī, f. itī, n. it	mid'telo, f. tellī, n. telī	midāt	
1. 10	1. 415. 120	mid'itē, f. itē, n. it	mid'itō	mid'telōyā or	midū	midyā
	2. 411. 11	"	mid'it	mid'telōyāt or	mid'sūt	midā
	3. 415. 11	"	mid'it, n. ityāt	mid'telōyāt or	mid'tit	

Present: *Dadmito*, and *dit* I am doing, — Imperfect, and *dit*, I was sleeping, or and *dit* — Pluperfect, and *dit* — and *dit* I had done — Contingent Future, and *dit*, if I had slept, or, I would have slept. The second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth, sixtieth, sixty-first, sixty-second, sixty-third, sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-eighth, sixty-ninth, seventieth, seventy-first, seventy-second, seventy-third, seventy-fourth, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-first, eighty-second, eighty-third, eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth, eighty-seventh, eighty-eighth, eighty-ninth, ninetieth, ninety-first, ninety-second, ninety-third, ninety-fourth, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth, ninety-ninth, and the hundredth are conjugated as the first future.

SECOND DISCUSSION — April, to make

	Present	Perfect	Second Future.	Imperative
S - n	1 <i>āṣṛē</i>	<i>āṣṛō</i>	<i>māṣiṇ</i>	
	2 <i>taṣē</i>	<i>taṣē</i>	<i>māṣāṣi</i>	<i>māṣ</i>
	3 <i>tīṣṛē etc.</i>	<i>tīṣṛō, tīṣṛā, tīṣṛān, tīṣṛān, tīṣṛān, etc.</i>	<i>māṣit</i>	
P - r	1 <i>āṣi</i>	<i>āṣi</i>	<i>māṣi</i>	<i>māṣāyā</i>
	2 <i>taṣi</i>	<i>taṣi</i>	<i>māṣāṣi</i>	<i>māṣāṣi</i>
	3 <i>tīṣi</i>	<i>tīṣi</i>	<i>māṣit</i>	

Pluperfect, *maṭṭe maṭṭe*, I had struck. Y is often added to the Past, Perfect, and Pluperfect tenses when the agent is of the second person singular. Thus, *tuṭṭe maṭṭe*, thou struckest. Present participle *maṭṭi*, striking. Other tenses are formed as in the first conjugation.

C Irregular Verbs — *D-īnī*, I know, has only a present, conjugated as *nīd īī*, thus, *dāīnīy*, thou knowest; *dāīnīy tēy ānōy* So also *nēnī* I don't know

ġeġu, to go, forms its tenses irregularly, thus, *vejġ, or vejġ, I go, ġeġu, I went*

Verbs ending in vowels form their future after the second conjugation, thus, *gên*, for *gein*, I shall take, *gêit*, they will take

Several verbs form their past tenses irregularly. Thus, *khā*, eat, past *khetū*; *lar*, do, past *ketū*; *mor* die, past *metū*,
vor, carry, past *vetū*; *yē*, come, past *dyetū*. *toŋ*, go, past *getū*; *mon*, say, past *moŋtū*; *gā*, take, past *getto*; *ask*, bear, past
askalo.

D Causative Verb —formed by adding *āy*, thus, *karāy* (kā, I cause to do, *kāvē* *karāy*lē, I caused to do

E. Potential Verb—Only used impersonally with the agent in the Dative, the Instrumental, or the Instrumental formed from the Genitive. Thus, *tā tā, tū nē, or tū chyān, mārye* (or *māryet*), he may, he can strike. In a similar way *ḍāḍ* or *ḍāḍ* is added to the verb in order to denote what is necessary, the agent being put in the Instrumental. Thus, *hāvṣ cotāḥ ḍāḍ*, I must go

P Negative Verb—Present, *nida nā*, I did not sleep, Imperfect, *nida nāt'ō*, I was not sleeping; Past, *nida nā dā'ō* or *nidā nā*, I did not sleep, Future, *nid tō nā*, I shall not sleep, etc

Of the specimens which follow the two first ones have been received from Sawantwadi. They represent the language spoken by the higher classes of settlers from Goa. The language of the lower classes is stated to differ but slightly. The third specimen has been taken down from the mouth of a Native Christian in North Kanara. A list of *Standard Words and Phrases* will be found below on pp 394 and ff. It has been received from Kanara and is independent of the specimens

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

KONKANI DIALECT

(STATE SAWANTWADI)

SPECIMEN I.

अेका मनश्याक दोन चेडे आसले । आनि तांतलो धाकटो बापायक म्हणों लागलो, पाय माका येवो तो संसाराचो वांटो माका दी । मागीर ताणें तांकां आपलो संसार वांटून दिलो । मागीर थोड्याच दिसां भितर धाकट्या चेड्यान सगळें अेकठांय केलें, आनि पैशिल्या मुलखाक गेलो, आनि थेंसर जाय तमो रावोन आपलें सगळें होंगडायलें । ताचे कडलें सगळें सरल्या उपरांत त्या मुलखांत व्हड दुकळ पडलो आनि तो जिगजिगलो । मागीर तो गेलो आनि त्या गांवच्या अेका गेर रावलो आनि ताणें ताका धुकरां चरोंक शेतांत धाडलो । आनि धुकरां खातात तो कुंडो आपणाक मेळत की कितें अशें ताका जालें । आनि कोण ताका दि-ना । आनि जेन्नां ताचे दोळे उगडले तेन्नां तो म्हणोंक लागलो, मज्या पायचे कितले चाकर खावन जेवन आहात, आनि हांव भुकेन मरतां । हांव उठान आनि मज्या पाय-लागीं वचान आनि ताका म्हणान, पाय हांव देवार आनि तुज्या मुखार चुकलों, आनि फुडें तुजो पुत म्हणोंक फाव-ना । तुज्या चाकरातलो अेक माका कर । आनि तो उठलो आनि बापाय-कडे आयलो । पुण तो पैस आसतनाच ताच्या बापायन ताका पळेलो, आनि ताका काकूत आयली आनि तो धांवलो आनि ताणें ताच्या गळ्याक मिटी मारली आनि ताचो मुको घेतलो । आनि पुत ताका म्हणों लागलो, पाय हांव देवार आनि तुज्या मुखार चुकलों, आनि ह्या उपरांत तुजो पुत म्हणोंक फाव-ना । पुण बापुय आपल्या चाकरांक म्हणोंक लागलो, अेक वरें आगलें हाडा आनि तें हाका घाला, आनि हाच्या हातात मुदी घाला, आनि पायांत व्हाणो घाला । आनि आमी जेव्या आनि खुशाल जाव्या । कित्या तर हो मजो पुत मेल्लो तो परतो जिवो जालो, तो सांडललो आनि मेळलो । आनि ते खुशाल जाले ॥

आतां ताचो व्हडलो चेडो शेतांत गेल्लो । आनि तो येवूंक लागलो आनि घराचे लागीं पावलो तेन्नां ताणें व्हाजप आनि गाणें आयकलें । आनि

ताणें अेका चाकराक आपयलो, आनि विचारलें हें कितें । आनि ताणें ताका म्हळें, तुजो भाव आयला आनि तो परतो आपणाक मेळलो म्हण तुज्या बापायन जेवण दिलां । आनि ताका राग आयलो आनि तो घरात वचना । म्हण ताचो बापुय भायर आयलो आनि ताका विनवेंक लागलो । आनि तो बापायक म्हणों लागलो, पळे इतलीं वसां हांव तुजी चाकरी करतां आनि केन्नाच हांवें तुजें उतर मोडलें ना । इतलें आसोन मज्या दृष्टां बरोबर खोशी करूंक तुवें माका अेक बोकड पर्यानि दिलें ना । पुण हो तुजो पुत जाणें तुज्या संसाराची कसविणीं बरोबर रावोन वाट लायली तो येवूंच्या आदीं ताचे पासून तुवें जेवण दिलें । आनि तो ताका म्हणों लागलो, पुता तूं सदां मजें बरोबर आहाय, आनि मजें आहा तें सगळें तुजेंच आहा । आमीं खुशाल जावूंक फावा, कित्या तर हो तुजो भाव मेळलो आनि परतो जिवो जालो, तो साडललो आनि मेळलो ॥

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MARATHI

KŌNKAṆĪ DIALECT

(STATE SAWANTWADI)

SPECIMEN III.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā manśyāk dōn chede ās'le Āni tānt'lo dhāk'to bāpāy'k mhanō
One to-man two sons were And them-among the-younger to-father to-say
 lāg'lo, 'pāy, mā-kā yero to sāsārā-tso vānto mā-kā di' Māgī
began, 'father, me-to may-come that fortune-of share me-to give' Then
 tānē tās-kā āp'lo sāsār vāntūn dilo Māgīr thodyā-ts disē
him-by them-to his property having-divided was-given Then few-only days
 bhitar dhāk'tyā chedyān sag'lē ek-ṭhāy kelē, āni paśilyā mul'khāk
within younger son-by all together was-made, and far to-country
 gelo, āni thāi-sai dzāy taso rāvon āp'lē sag'lē hog'dāy'lē
he-went, and there it-chanced thus having-lived his all was-spent
 Tā-chē kad'lē sag'lē sar'lyā-up'rānt tyā mul'khānt vhad dukaḷ pad'lo,
His near-being all was-spent-after that country-in great famine fell,
 āni to jig'jug'lo Māgī to gelo āni tyā gāv-chyā ekā gēr rāv'lo,
and he was-poor Then he went and that village-of one-man's at-house stayed,
 āni tā-nē tā-kā dhuk'rā tsarāūk śetānt dhād'lo Āni dhuk'rā khātāt
and him-by him-as-for sown to-feed fields-in he-was-sent And pigs eat
 to kuṇḍo āp'nāk melat kī kitē, aśē tā-kā dzālē Āni kon
that husk to-himself will-be-got or what, thus him-to became And anyone
 tā-kā di-nā Āni jennā tā-che doḷe ugad'le tennā to mhanōk
him-to would-not-give And when his eyes opened then he to-say
 lāg'lo, 'majyā pāy-che kitle tsākaī khāv'n jēv'n āhāt,
began, 'my father-of how-many servants having-eaten having-dined are,
 āni hāv bhukēn mar'tā Hāv uthān, āni majyā pāy-lāgī vatsān,
and I with-hunger die I will-arise, and my father-to will go,
 āni tā-kā mhanān, "pāv, hāv Devāi āni tujyā mukhār tsuk'lē
and him-to will-say, "father, I to-God and thy in-face smned,
 āni phudē tudzo put mhanōk phāva-nā Tujyā tsāk'rānt'lo ek mā-kā
and hereafter thy son to-say am-fit-not Thy servants-among one me
 kar'' Āni to uth'lo āni bāpāy-kadē āy'lo Puṇ to pais ās'tanā-ts
make'' And he arose and father-to came But he far being-only

tā-čyā bāpāy'n tā-kā pajelo, āni tā-kā kākūt āy'li, āni to dhā'lo
his by-father him-to he-was-seen, and him-to pity came, and he ran
 āni tā-nē tā-čyā galyāk mīti mār'li, āni tā-tso muko ghet'lo
and him-by his on-neck embracing was-struck, and his kiss was-taken
 Āni put tā-kā mhanō lāg'lo, 'pāy, hāv Devāi āni tujyā mukāi
And the-son him-to to-say began, 'father, I to-God and thy in face
 tsuk'lō, āni hyā-up'rānt tudzo put mhanōk phāva-nā' Pun bāpuy
smned, and hence-for-ward thy son to-say deserve-not.' But the-father
 āp'lyā tsāk'rāk mhanōk lāg'lo, 'ek barē āng'lē hādā āni tē hā-kā
his to-servants to-say began, 'one good robe bring and that him-to
 ghālā, āni hā-čyā hātānt mudī ghālā āni pāyānt vhanō ghālā, āni āni
put, and his hand-on ring put and feet-on shoes put, and we
 jēvyā āni khuśāl dzāvyā, kityā, tar ho madzo put mel'lo, to par'to
let-us-feast and mery let-us-be, why, then this my son was-dead, he again
 jivo dzālo, to sād'lalo, āni mel'lo' Āni to khuśāl dzāle.
alive became, he was-lost, and was-found' And they mery became

Ātā tā-tso vhad'lo chedo śetānt gel'lo Āni to yēv'rk lag'lo,
Now his elder son in-the-fields had-gone And he to-come began,
 āni gharā-čē lāg' pāv'lo, tennā tā-nē vhadzap āni gānō āy'k'lē
and house-of near reached, then him-by music and singing was-heard
 Āni tā-nē ekā tsāk'rāk āpay'lo, āni vtsār'lē, 'hē kitō' Āni
And him-by one to-servant was-called, and it-was-asked, 'this what?' And
 tā-nē tā-kā mhaļē, 'tu-dzo bhāv āy'li āni to par'to āp'nāk
him-by him-to it-was-said, 'thy brother has-come and he again to-him
 mel'lo, mhan tujyā bāpāy'n jevan dilā' Āni tā-kā rāg
was-got, therefore thy by-father feast has-been-given' And him-to anger
 āy'lo, āni to gharānt vatsa-nā, mhan tā-tso bāpuy bhāy'r
came, and he house-into would-not-go, therefore his father outside
 āy'lo āni tā-kā vīnā'k lāg'lo Āni to bāpāy'k mhanō lāg'lo, 'pāle, it'lī
came and him to-entreat began And he to-father to-say began, 'see, so-many
 varsā hāv tujī tsāk'rī kar'tā, āni kenuā-ts hāvō tujē utar mōd'lē nā.
years I thy service do, and at-any-time-even by-me thy word was-broken not
 It'lē āson majyā ishtā barōbar khōśī karūk tuvō mā-kā ek
So-much having-been my friends with merriment to-make by-thee me-to one
 bokad paryān dilē nā Pun ho tudzo put dzā-nē tujyā sāsārā-ohī kas'binī
had even was-given not But this thy son whom-by thy property-of harlots
 barōbai rāvon vāt lāy'li, to yēv'čyā ādī, tā-čē pāsūn tuvō
with having-lived waste was-caused, he coming-of before, him for by-thee
 jevan dilē' Āni to tā-kā mhanō lag'lo, 'putā, tū sadā majē-barōbar
feast was-given' And he him-to to-say began, 'son, thou always me-with

āhāy, āni majē āhā, tē sag-|ē tujē-ts āhā Āmī khusāl dzāvūk phāvā,
art, and mine is, that all thine-only is By-us mery to-become is-fit,
 kityā tar ho tudzo bhāv mel'lo, āni par-to jivo dzālo, to sānd'lalo
why then this thy brother was-dead, and again alive became, he was-lost
 āni mel'lo,
and was-found,

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MARĀTHĪ

KŌNKANĪ DIALECT.

(STATE SAWANTWADI)

SPECIMEN II

देडशें वसाँ जातीत आमचे पूर्वज गोंयथान आयल्यार। ते हांगासर येज्क पावो गोंयच्या परास हांगा ताँकाँ काम धंदो बरो मेळा। त्या-वेळा वाडी भोंसल्यांचे राज आसले, आनि ते राजा ताँकाँ बरे भाशेन चलैत। तातले जायते जण बरे कसबी आसले, आनि थोडे येपारी आसले। येपारी आसले ते गोंयाँथान तुप आनि घाण्यांचे ताजे तेल हाडीत, आनि वाडीथान पानाचो गोंयाँ व्हरत। ते समय वाडीथान गोंयाँ वचोँक बरे मारग नसले म्हण म्हाल हाडचो व्हरचो तो सगळो बैलाँ वैल्यान व्हरत। वाटेर चोराँची भिरांत आसताली त्या-पासून दुडू हाडचे व्हरचे जाल्यार तेलाच्या दबड्यांनीं घालून तेल म्हण व्हरत। वाडींत बरीं बरीं घराँ आनि बांदकामाँ आहात। तीं सगळीं ताँचे आनि ताँचे सँसतीचे हातचीं। आजून पर्यान वाडीच्याँ किरिस्ताँवाँ-भितर जायते बरे गवंडी आहात। वाडी किरिस्ताँवाँची वस्ती चडली तेन्नाँ गोंयच्या विस्पान (भिसपान) हांगा एक पाद्री धाडलो। वाडीच्या राजान द्रयज बांदूँक ताका जागो दिलो। आनि किरिस्ताँवाँची समुत बरी चलोँक लागली। इकू इकू वाडी अेका विगारान जायना म्हण एक कुर धाडलो। आताँ वाडीच्या राज्यांत पांच हजारोँ वैर किरिस्ताँव आहात। ताँचे भितर बामण, चारोडे आनि सुदिर अशे-वरग आहात, आनि ताँच्यो भासोय वेगवेगळ्यो आहात, पुण त्यो चड वेगळ्यो नांत। आनि अेकाची भास समजोँक दुसऱ्याक कठीन पडना। गोंयच्या लोकाँचे भाशेंत फिरगीँ उत्राँ जायतीं मिसळल्यांत, तशींच वाडीच्या किरिस्ताँवाँचे भाशेंत मराठी उत्राँ मिसळल्यांत, पुण तितलीं नांत। आनि काँय थोडीं फिरंगीँ उत्राँ मिसळल्यांत पाद्रीं-वरवीं। कित्या तर वाडीक पाद्री येतात ते सगळे गोंयचे आनि ताँची भास गोंयची फिरंगीँ उत्राँ मिसळलेली। पुण ते जायत तितले करून शेरमाँवांत फिरंगीँ उत्राँ घाली-नांत। ते जाणत कीं हांगाचे लोक फिरंगीँ शिकनांत तेन्ना ताँकाँ फिरंगीँ उत्राँ समजोँचीं नांत ॥

[No. 41]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKANĪ DIALECT

(STATE SAWANTWADI.)

SPECIMEN II

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ded-śē varṣā dzātīt ām-che pūrvadz Gōy-thān āy'lyār
One-and-a-half-hundred years may-be our ancestors Goa-from coming-on
 'Te hāngāsai yēūk pāvo, Gōy-ohyā parās hāngā tã-kã kām-dhando
They hither to-come reason, Goa-of than here them-to work-and-business
 baro melā Tyā-velā Vādī Bhōslyā-chē rādz ās'lē, ānī te rādzā
better was-got That-time at-Vadī the-Bhonslas-of sway was, and those kings
 tã-hã barē bhāśēn tsalāt Tānt'le dzāy'te dzan bare kas'bī ās'le, ānī
them-to-good way-in used-to-ticāt Them-among many men good artists were, and
 thode yepāī ās'le. Yepāī ās'le te Gōyā-thān tup ānī ghānyā-chē tājē tel
a-few traders were Traders were they Goa-from ghee and pressed fresh oil
 hādīt, ānī Vādī-thān pānātso Gōyā vharat Tē samāy Vādī-thān
used-to-bring, and Vadī-from tobacco to-Goa used-to-take That at-time Vadī-from
 Gōyā vatsōk bare mārāg nas'le, mhan mhāl hād'tso vhar'tso
to-Goa to-go good roads not-were, therefore merchandise to-be-brought to-be-taken
 to sag'lo bailā vailyān vharat Vātēr tsorā-chī bhurānt ās'tālī,
that all oxen on they-used-to-bring On-the-road thieves-of fear was,
 tyā-pāsūn dudū hād'che vhar'chē dzālyār telā-ohyā dab'dyā-nī ghālūn
therefore money to-be-brought to-be-taken on-becoming oil-of boxes-in having-put
 tel mhan vharat Vādīnt barī barī gharā ānī bānd'kāmā āhāt, tī
oil having-said they-brought In-Vadī good good houses and buildings are, they
 sag'ī tã-chē ānī tã-chē sās'tī-chē hāt-chī Ādzūn-paryān Vādī-ohyā Kīrstāvā-
all then and then descendants' hand-of Now-till Vadī-of Christians-
 bhutai dzāy'te bare gav'ndī āhāt Vādī Kīrstāvā-ohī vastī tsad'li, tennā
among many good masons are At-Vadī Christians-of population increased, then
 Gōy-ohyā bispān (or bhusmān) hāngā ēk pādri dhād'lo Vādī-ohyā rūjān igrādz
Goa-of by-bishop here one priest was-sent Vadī-of by-king church
 bāndūk tā-ka dzāgo dilo Ānī Kīrstāvā-ohī samut barī tsalōk lāg'li
to-build him-to site was-given And Christians-of religion well to-prosper began
 Halū-halū Vādī ekā vīgārān dzāy-nā, mhan ēk kur
By-and-by at-Vadī one by-vicar it-could-not-be-managed, therefore one curate

dhād'lo Atā Vādi-chyā rājyānt pānts hadzārā var Kiristāv āhāt
was-sent Now Vadi-of in-the-kingdom five thousand above Christians are
 Tā-chē bhitar bāman, tsārode, āni sudir ase varag āhāt, āni tā-ohyō
Them-of among Brāhmans, Kshatriyas, and Sūdras such castes are, and then
 bhāsō-y vēg'vēglyō āhāt, pun tyō tsad vēglyō nānt Āni chā-chi bhās
languages-also different are, but they very different are-not And one-of language
 sam'dzōk dus'ryāk kathin pada-nā Gōy-ohyā lokā-chē bhāsēnt Phurangī
to-understand for-another difficult falls-not Goa-of people-of in-language Portuguese
 utrā dzāv'tī misal'lyānt, tasī-ts Vādi-chyā Kiristāv-ā-chē bhāsēnt Marāthi
words many have-been-mixed, thus Vadi-of Christians-of in-language Marāthi
 utrā misal'lyānt, pun tatlī nānt Āni kāy thodī Phurangī
words have-been-mixed, but so-many they-are-not And some few Portuguese
 utrā misal'lyānt pādri-var'vī Kityā, tar Vādik pādri yetāt te sag'le
words have-been-mixed priests-through Why, then to-Vadi priests come they all
 Gōy-che, āni tā-chi bhās Gōy-chi Phurangī utrā misal'leli Pun to
Goa-of, and their language Goa-of Portuguese words-(with) is-mixed But they
 dzāy't tatlē karūn śeīmāvēnt Phurangī utrā ghālī-nānt Te
may-be-possible so-much having-done sermons-in Portuguese words put-not They
 dzānat kī hāngā-che lōk Phurangī śika-nāt, tennā tā-kā Phurangī utrā
know that here-of people Portuguese learn-not, then them-to Portuguese words
 sam'dzō-chī nānt
intelligible are-not

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

One hundred and fifty years may have passed since our ancestors came from Goa. The reason why they came was that they found better opportunities for work and business here than at Goa. At that time the Bhonslas held sway at Vadi, and those rulers treated them kindly. There were many good artists among them, and also some few traders. The traders used to bring ghee and freshly pressed oil from Goa, and took tobacco from Vadi to Goa. At that time there were no good roads between Vadi and Goa. Therefore all merchandise which should be brought and carried had to be put on oxen. On the road there was fear of robbers, therefore if there was money to be carried, it was done by putting it in tins of oil and pretending that it was oil. The good houses and buildings in Vadi are all (works) of their and their descendants' hands. Up to this time there are many good masons among the Christians of Vadi. At Vadi the Christian population increased. Then one priest was sent out here by the bishop of Goa. A site was given him by the king of Vadi to build a church on, and the Christian religion began to prosper. By and by one Vicar was not enough for Vadi, therefore a curate was sent out. At present there are over 5,000 Christians in the kingdom of Vadi, among them there are such divisions as Brāhmans, Kshatriyas, and Sūdras, and their languages are also different, but they are not very different, and it is not difficult for one to understand the language of another. In the language of Goa many Portuguese words are mingled, and

in the language of the Christians of Vadi Maiāthī words are mixed, but they are not so many. Through the influence of the priests, some few Portuguese words have also been adopted, owing to the fact that the priests who come to Vadi are all from Goa and their language is Goanese, which is mixed with Portuguese words. But as far as possible they avoid using Portuguese words in their sermons. They know that the people here do not learn Portuguese, and that Portuguese words will not be intelligible to them.

[No. 42]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI.

KONKANI DIALECT

(DISTRICT KANARA.)

SPECIMEN III.

Yekā munśāk dog pūt āsulle Āni tāntlyā dhāktya putān āplyā
One to-man two sous were And them-among the-younger by-son his
 bāpāi-kade mhuļē, 'bāpāi, mojoyā vāntyāk pōd-chi āst mā-kā dī' Āni
father-to it-was-said, 'father, my to-share falling estate me-to give' And
 tā-nē tū-ohō modē āph āst vāntli Āni tī-chō uprānt dzānte dis votsōk
him-by them between his estate was-divided And that-of after many days to-go
 nānt, titlyānt dhāktyā putān sagli āst yokde kōrn pōisilyā
were-not, that-much-in the-younger by-son all estate together having-made far
 gāvāk golo, āni thāi āph āst pād jinyēn ibādli Āni tā-nē sagli
to-country went, and there his estate bad by-living was-wasted And him-by all
 āst khārohita-ts, tyā gāvānt yēk hōdlo dukōl pōdlo, āni to garjovōnt
estate on spending-only that in-country one big famue fell, and he wanting
 dzālo Āni to votsōn tyā gāv-chyā-yokī gāvkhārī-kade kāmāk rālo
became And he having-gone that town-of one townsman-to to-work remained
 Āni tā-nē āple dukoi tsarāñk āplyā gādvānt tī-kā dhādlo Āni
And him-by his some to-feed his in-fields him-as-for he-was-sent And
 dukrā-nī khāñ-tso kundo khāvu āplē pot khusilāyēn bhorto
some-by to-be-eaten husks having-eaten his-own belly gladly filling
 āsullo, pun kōne-ī tī-kā divūk nā Āni to āplē gūyānā-chēi
would-have-been, but by-anyone him-to to-give not And he his sense-on
 yeta-ts mhuuālo kī, 'mojoyā bāpāi-gēr kitle modzure-cho
on-coming-only said that, 'my father's-in-house how-many he-of
 tsākar dzāi titlē khāvu jōvu sāñto kani-sāikhō āsāt,
servants wanting so-much having-eaten having-consumed saving to-make-like are,
 āni hāñ bhukēn moitā Hāñ uton mojoyā bāpāi-gēr vetā
and I by-hunger die I having-isen my father's-to-house (will-)go
 āni mhuñfā, "bāpāi, hāvē Devā-chēi āni tujyā mukāi tsūk
and say, "father, by-me God-against and thy in-face fault
 kelā, āni hyā-mukāi hāñ tudzo pūt mhuñ ghoūk phāvo nā
has-been-done, and hence-forward I thy son having-said to-take worthy (am-)not
 Mā-kā tujyā modzure-chē tsākrā-vani kani " Āni to uton āplyā
Me thy he-of servants-like make " And he having-arisen his

bāpār-lāgī āilo Pun to bōv pois āstānā-ts tā-chyā bāpān tā-kā polōvn
father-to came But he very far on-being-only his by-father him having-see
 tā-chi birmōt chintūn dhāvūn gelo āni tā-chē mārēr pōdn tā-kā
him-of pity having-felt having-run went and his on-neck having-fallen him-to
 ume dīle Āni to pūt tā-kā mhuṇālo, 'bāpāi, hāvē Devā-chēr āni
kisses were-given And that son him-to said, 'father, by-me God-to and
 tujyā dolyā mukār tsūk kelā, āni hyā-mukār hāū tudzo pūt mhoṇ gheūk
thy eyes before fault is-made, and henceforward I thy son having-said to-take
 [phāvo nā' Pun tyā bāpān āplyā tsākrāk sānglē, 'uttim āngostor
worthy (am-)not' But that by-father his to-servants it-was-said, 'best robe
 bhāir hādā āni tē tā-kā ghālā, āni tā-chyā hātāk yēk mudī ghālā, āni
out bring and that him-to put-on, and his to-hand one ring put, and
 tā-chyā pāyāk moche ghālā, āni āmī khāvn khuśālāi karyā, kityāk
his feet-on shoes put, and we having-eaten merriment let-us-do, why
 mholjār, ho modzo pūt mello, ātā to portūn jivōnt dzālā, to sāndullo, āni
on-saying, this my son was-dead, now he again alive has-become, he was-lost, and
 to mellā' Āni te khuśālāi korūk lāgle
he has-been-found' And they merriment to-do began.

Ātā tā-tso hōdlo pūt gādyānt āsullo Āni to yēvn gharā-lāgī
Now his big son in-the-field was And he having-come house-near
 pāvtō-ts tā nē vādzāp āni nāts ākalē Āni tā-nē yekā tsākrāk
on-reaching-only him-by music and dancing was-heard And him-by one to-servant
 āpōvn itsārlē, 'hā-tso art kītē?' Āni tā-nē tā-kā dzāp
having-called it-was-asked, 'this-of meaning what?' And him-by him-to answer
 dīl, 'tudzo bhāv ālā, āni tujyā bāpān yēk jevān dīlē, kityāk
was-given, 'thy brother has-come, and thy by-father one dinner is-given, why
 mholjār, to tā-kā boryā bolākin mellā' Āni to rāgār dzālo,
on-saying, he him-to good in-health has-been-found' And he in-anger became,
 āni bhutar votsa nā dzālo Dekūn tā-tso bāpu bhāir āilo āni porātūk lāglo
and inside go-not became Therefore his father out came and to-entreat began.
 Āni tānē dzāp divn āplyā bāpār-lāgī mhuļē, 'polai hyā sabār
And by-him answer having-given his father-to it-was-said, 'see these many
 varšā thāvn hāū tuji tsākri kartā, āni hāvē tujē utār kāi modūk nā, āni
years from I thy service do, and by-me thy word ever to-break not, and
 tari tuvē mā-kā yēk bokde-chē pil dekunī kāi diūk nā, hāvē mojoyā
still by-thee me-to one she-goat-of young-one even ever to give not, by-me my
 ishtā sāngātā khuśālāi korūk Pun dzā-nē tuji āst chediā sāngātā
friends with merriment for making But whom-by thy estate harlots with
 ibādī, to tudzo pūt ālyā-phārāts tuvē tā-chyā khātīr yēk jevān
was-wasted, that thy son coming-directly by-thee his for-sake one feast
 dīlē' Āni tā-nē tā-kā mhuļē, 'putā, tū sadā mojoyā sāngātā āsāi,
was-given' And him-by him-to it-was-said, 'son, thou always me with art,

āni mojjā-lāgī āsā, tē saglē tujē, āni .āmī khuśālāi kar-chi āni
and me-with is, that all thine, and by-us merriment should-be-made and
 santōs pāv-tso somā dzāvn āsā, kityāk mholyāi, ho tudzo bhāv
pleasure should-be-felt proper having-become is, why on-saying, this thy brother
 mello, ātā to portūn jvōnt dzālā, to sāndullo, āni to mellā'
was-dead, now he again alive has-become, he had-been-lost, and he has-been-found'

The preceding specimens represent what might be called Standard Kōnkanī, the language of North Kanara, Goa, and Sawantwadi. The specimens received from Bombay Town and Island agree in all essential points. The same is the case with the language spoken in Malwan and Vengurla in the southern corner of Ratnagiri. The dialect spoken in the South-West of Belgaum, which is sometimes called Gōmāntakī and Bārdēskari, shows a strong tendency to drop the Anunāsika. Thus, *tsolok*, for *tsalūk*, to go, *āv*, for *hāv*, I. The aspirates usually lose their aspiration, though they are often preserved in writing, thus, *vodik*, for *adhik*, more, *var* for *har*, yes. *D* and *l* seem to be interchangeable as is also sometimes the case in Kanarese, thus, *tsod* and *tsol*, for *tsad*, much, *dukod* and *dukol*, famine. The occasional softening of hard consonants is also due to the same influence, thus, *yēk*, *yōk*, and *yēg* one, *nesog* for *nesūk*, to put on, etc. The final *y* in verbal forms is usually dropped, thus, *āhā* and *āsā*, thou art. On the other hand, *y* is substituted for *t* in the second and third persons plural of the present tense, thus, *vetāy*, you, they, go. In other respects the various Kōnkanī dialects of Belgaum only differ from the Standard form in unimportant matters, and there will be no difficulty in understanding the short specimen which follows. It has been received as illustrating the language spoken by the Bārdēskars, one of the four divisions of the Śēnvīs or Gaud Brāhmins.

[No. 43]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KŌNKANĪ (BĀRDESKARĪ) DIALECT

(DISTRICT BELGAUM.)

Ek	Ārāb	manuśyā-tso	godyā-tso	mōg	Ek	Ārāb	monis		
One	Arab	man-of	horse of	love	One	Arab	man		
tsol	garib	āsulo	Tvā-chē	kadēn	kāf-tś	ēg	nesog	ōū	pāng*rok
very	poor	was	Him-of	with	any-even	one	to-dress	and	to-wear
nāsulo	Pon	yōk	dzoboi	boro	godo	tyā-chyā	kade	āsulo	
was-not	But	one	very	good	horse	him-of	with	was	
To	godo	vik*to	geū-chyāk	ēk	poisolo	monis	soditālō	Pon	tyā-kā
That	horse	buying	to-take	one	of-a-far-country	man	was-seeking	But	him-to
godo	vik-chī	bikkul	poili	khośi	nāsuli	Māgīr	āpon	tsol	
the	horse	to-sell	at-all	at-first	willingness	was-not	Afterwards	himself	very
garib	āsā	mon	vikūh	kabūl	dzhālo,	ānik	āp*lo	mogā-tso	
poor	is	saying	to-sell	willing	he-became,	and	his-own	love of	
godo	geūn	gelo	tyā	manuśyā-kade	Tyādnā	tē	manuśyān		
horse	having-taken	he-went	that	man to	Then	that	by-man		
tsol	khuśēn	tyā-kā	rupōy	medzon	dile	Te	rupōy	ātāt	
very	willingly	him-to	rupees	having-counted	were given	Those	rupees	in the-hand	
geūn	rupayāk	ānik	āp*lyā	godyāk	podoit	rūlo,			
having taken	at-the	rupees	and	his-own	at-the-horse	looking	he-remained,		
āni	monok	lāg*lo,	‘arē	āv	tu-kā	dus*ryā-chyā	ātāt	detā,	te
and	to-say	began,	‘O	I	thee-to	others’	in-the-hand	give,	they
tu-kā	bānd*tole	āni	kōp-dzānā	tu-kā	mānit,	āsē	dagd	ditalē	
thee-to	will be	and	who-knows	thee to	he-will beat,	in this way	trouble	they-will-give	
Tē	pāsot	tū	tsol	āp*lyā	gārā	Mājhi	burge-bālā	tu-kā	
That	on-account of	thou	go	our-own	to-house	My	children	thee-to	
pojon	khuśāl	dzāt*li.’	Asē	monon	te	rupaye	donīr		
having-seen	pleased	will become	‘So	saying	those	rupees	on-the-ground		
mārūn	godo	geūn	phatiskon	gelo	Dzālē-dzālyāi	te			
having-th	own	horse	having-taken	immediately	he-went	But	those		
rupōv	mārōn	vāiche	kām	dzabōr	osē	korūk-nā	Poilē		
rupees	having-thrown	the above	business	good	thus	he did-not-do	At-first		
div-chyāk	kobūl	dzhālo,	ānik	māgīr	nyāgai	dzālo	Asē		
to-give (sell)	willing	he-became,	and	afterwards	promise-breaker	became	So		
korūn	tyā ne	poilo	kobūl	dzālo	āni	māgīr			
having-done	him by	at-first	willing	became	and	afterwards			

nṡāgār	dzālo	Aśe	dzātā,	poīe	konoyī	rost	kobūl-koron
<i>promise-breaker</i>	<i>he-became</i>	<i>So</i>	<i>becomes,</i>	<i>at-first</i>	<i>whatever</i>	<i>thing</i>	<i>having-agreed</i>
ām	māgīr	nṡāgāi	dzāle	man'che	he	vāit	kām ase
<i>and</i>	<i>afterwards</i>	<i>refused</i>	<i>became</i>	<i>to-say</i>	<i>this</i>	<i>bad</i>	<i>work (is) so</i>
sam'dzo-che.							
<i>it-should-be-considered</i>							

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

HOW AN ARAB LOVED HIS HORSE

Once upon a time there was a very poor Arab. He did not possess anything to wear, but had a very good horse. Now it happened that a man came from a far country in order to buy his horse. At first he was not at all willing to sell it. Afterwards, however, he agreed to sell it because he was so very poor. He took his beloved horse to the other man, who willingly paid the price for it. The Arab took the rupees in his hand, looked at them and afterwards at his horse, and said. 'I am now going to give thee up to others, they will bind thee, and, who knows, if they will not beat thee and thus torment thee. Well, go home, then. My children will be glad to see thee.' With such words he threw the rupees on the ground, took the horse, and went straight off. But it was not right of him to do so after having taken the money. First he agreed to sell the horse, and afterwards he broke his word. And thus it should be considered wrong to break your word when you have once agreed upon a thing, whatever it may be.

The Kōnkanī dialect spoken by the Sarasvat Brāhman̄s of Karwar presents several peculiarities of its own, and it will, therefore, be illustrated by means of a separate specimen.

The Sarasvat Brāhman̄s, who belong to the Śēn̄vīs or Gaud Brāhman̄s, like other Brāhman̄s of the Konkan, assert that they were originally brought from Trihōtra by Parasurāma. Trihōtra they wrongly identify with the modern Tirhut. This tradition is found in the Sahyādrikhanda of the Skandapurāna. They assert that they first settled in Goa, from which place they fled after the Portuguese conquest. They are now found in large numbers in towns and villages in Karwar and Ankola on the coast, and inland in Halhyal, Supa, and Sirsi.

They are said to speak very fast, and with a singing tone, and their language is rich in tatsamas, but comparatively free from Kanarese and Portuguese loanwords.

The most characteristic feature of their dialect is the fact that, generally speaking, no word ends in a consonant. Thus, we find *pūtu* instead of *pūt*, son, *dōni* instead of *dōn*, two. Exceptions to this rule are only apparent, thus, *dog dzāna pūta*, two persons sons. Here *dog-dzāna* forms a compound, and this fact accounts for the termination of *dog*.

The short final vowels are unaccented. This is shown by the fact that *i*, *ū*, *ē*, and *ō* in the preceding syllable are not shortened. Thus, *ēku ghodo*, a horse, but genitive *ekā ghodyā-gelē*.

The short final vowels seem to be the old Prākṛit terminations Compare *ēku pūtu*, Māhārāṣṭrī Prākṛit *ekko puttō*, a son, *ēki dhuva*, Māhārāṣṭrī *ekki dhūā*, a daughter, *pūta*, Māhārāṣṭrī *puttā*, sons, *dōni*, Māhārāṣṭrī *donni*, two It is probable that their preservation is due to the influence of Kanarese

Long final vowels are often shortened, thus, *āssā*, I am, *āssa*, thou art, *di*, give, *sagli āsti*, all (his) estate

E and *o* have the same sounds as in Standard Kōŋkanī, and the vowel system is, in all essentials, the same in both forms of speech

The Anunāsika seems to be rather strongly pronounced Final vowels are frequently nasalised, thus, *ānĩ*, and, *āmmĩ*, we, *hāñā*, I, *kānũ*, ear

Consonants are often doubled between vowels, thus, *mākkā*, to me, *tānnē*, by him, *āssa*, is, *bhittari*, inside

Hard consonants are sometimes softened after vowels, as is also the case in Dravidian languages Thus, *mākkā mārtida*, they will beat me, I shall be beaten, *tajjē*, Standard *tā-chē*, his

Nouns.—Weak bases end in vowels Masculine nouns end in *u* in the Nominative singular, and in *a* in the plural, feminine bases in *a* and *i*, plural *o* and *i*, neuter bases in *a*, plural *ā*, thus, *pūtu*, a son, *pūta*, sons *dhuva*, a daughter, *dhuvo*, daughters *pāthi*, a back, *pāthi*, backs *chittala*, a deer, *chittalā*, deer The instrumental and case of the agent ends in *nē*, the genitive in *gelē* and *chē*, the locative in *āntũ*, thus, *bāpsu-nē*, by the father, *rād-ā-nē*, with ropes, *dhuvē-chē nāñā*, the daughter's name, *ma-gelyā bāpsu-gelyā tsākrā-paiki*, among my father's servants, *gātāntũ*, in the village In other points the declension of nouns agrees with Standard Kōŋkanī

Pronouns.—*Hāñā*, I, *hāñē*, by me, *majjē* and *ma-gelē*, my, *āmmĩ*, we, and so on. 'Who' is *kōpũ*, and 'what' is *ittē*

Verbs—The second person singular has the same form as the third person, and the third person plural is also used for the first and second persons Thus, *vattā*, I go, *vattā*, thou goest, he goes, *vattāti*, we, you, or they, go The first person singular of the second future ends in *nā*, thus, *āssanā*, I shall be, *mārīnā*, I shall strike

The second person imperative ends in *a* in the first, and in *i* in the second conjugation, thus, *vaṭṭa*, go, *baisa*, sit, *kari*, make, *māri*, strike

'I should strike' is *hāñē mār-lāñā*

The verbal noun in *chē* is used in the oblique form as an infinitive, thus, *mhon-chā* (i.e. *mhon-chyā*) *lāglo*, he began to say An infinitive of purpose is often formed by adding the suffix *si*, thus, *davar-si*, in order to keep, *kari-si*, in order to make

The conjunctive participle ends in *ūnu* or *nu*, the final *u* being often nasalised, thus, *kōrnu*, having done, *vāñūnu*, having divided, *vaṭṭunũ*, having gone

In most characteristics, however, the dialect of Karwar is simply Standard Kōŋkanī, as will appear from a perusal of the version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows The alphabet used is Kanarese A list of Standard Words and Phrases will be found below on pp 394 and ff

[No 44.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KONKANI DIALECT

(SARASWATĪ BRĀHMĪNS OF KARWAR)

ಎಕಾ ಗೃಹಸ್ಥಕ ದೋಗ್-ಜಾಣ ಪೂತ ಆಲಿಲೆ | ತಾತುಲೆ ಪೈಕಿಂ ಸಾನು ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣು ಕಡೆ
 ವೊಣ್ಣ್ಯಾ ಲಾಗೊ, ಆನ್ನಾಂ, ಮಗೇಲ್ಯಾ ವಾಂಟ್ಯಾಕ ಯೆಂವ್ಚಿ ತಿತಿ ಆಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಕ್ಳಾ ದಿ | ಆನಿಂ ತಾನ್ನೆಂ
 ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲಿ ಆಸ್ತಿ ತಾಂಕಾಂ ವಾಂಟೂನು ದಿಲಿ | ಆನಿಂ ಫೊಡೇಚಿ ದಿವ್ಯಾಸಿಂ ಸಾನಪೂತು ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲಿ ಆಸ್ತಿ
 ಸರ್ವ ಯೆಕ್ಡೆ ಕೋರ್ನುಂ ಧೂರ್ ಏಕ್ ಗಾವಾಂಕ ವಚುಗೆಲೊ ಆನಿಂ ಫೈಂ ವಾಇಟ್ ಚಾಲಿನೆಂ ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲೊ
 ಪೈಸೊ ಸರ್ವ ವಾಇಟ್ ಕೆಲೊ | ಆನಿಂ ಸರ್ವ ಬರ್ಚನಾ ಫುಡೆ ತ್ಯಾ ಗಾವಾಂತುಂ ಹೋಡ್ ದುಪ್ಪಾಳು
 ಪಳ್ಯಿ ಆನಿಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಗರಜ್ ಪಳ್ಯಿ | ಆನಿಂ ತೊ ತ್ಯಾ ಗಾಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಏಕ್ ಗೃಹಸ್ಥಕಡೆ ಕಾಮಾಕ್ ರಾಬೊ |
 ಆನಿಂ ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಗಾದ್ಯಾಂತುಂ ಹುಕ್ರಾಂಕ ಚರಾಂಚ್ಯಾಕ ಧಾಳ್ಳೊ | ಆನಿಂ ತೊ ತ್ಯಾ
 ಹುಕ್ರಾಂನಿಂ ಬಾಂವ್ಚೊ ತಸ್ಲೊ ಕುಂಡೊ ಬಾಪ್ಣುಂ ಬುರಾಲೆಂ ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲೆಂ ಪೊಟಿ ಭೋರ್ನುಂ ಘೆತೊಲಿಲೊ |
 ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರಿ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಕೊಣೆಂ ದೀನಂ | ಆನಿಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಯೇನಾಪುಡೆ ತೊ ವೊಣು ಲಾಗೊ,
 ಮಗೇಲ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣುಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಂಪೈಕಿಂ ಕಿತ್ತೇಕಾಂಕ ಬಾಂವ್ಚೆಂ ಬಾಪ್ಣು ದರ್ವಿ ಆಸ್ಲೆ ಆನಿಂ ಹಾಂವಂ
 ಭುಕ್ತೆನಂ ಮರ್ತಾಂ | ಹಾಂವಂ ಉಟಾವ್ಣು ಆನ್ನಾಕಡೆ ವಚುನುಂ ಆನ್ನಾಂ ಹಾಂವಂ ದೆವಾಲಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ಆನಿಂ
 ಕುಜಲಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ಪಾಪ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾಂ ಆನಿಂ ಹ್ಯಾಮುಖಾರಿ ತುಗೆಲೊ ಪೂತು ವೊಣ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾಕ ಹಾಂವಂ ಘಾವ್ಣಾಂ |
 ಮಾಕ್ಳಾ ತುಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಂಮ್ಹಣ್ ಕೋರ್ನುಂ ದರ್ವಿ ವೊಣುಂ ವೊಣತಾಂ | ಆನಿಂ ತೊ ಉಟಾವ್ಣುಂ
 ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣುನೆಂ ಆಲೆಕಡೆ ವಚುಗೆಲೊ | ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರಿ ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಸೊಬಾರ್ ಧೂರ್ ಆಸ್ತನಾಂ ತಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ
 ಬಾಪ್ಣುನೆಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಪಳೆಲೊ, ಆನಿಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಕಾಕುಳ್ತಾ ಯೇವ್ಣು ತೊ ಧಾಂವ್ಲೊ, ಆನಿಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ
 ಪೊಟ್ಲೊಳ್ಳುಂ ಉಮ್ಮಿ ದಿಲಿ | ತಾವಳ ಪೂತು ತಾಜಲಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ವೊಣಾಲೊ ಆನ್ನಾಂ ಹಾಂವಂ ದೆವಾಲಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ಆನಿಂ
 ತುಜಲಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ಪಾಪ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾಂ, ಹ್ಯಾಮುಖಾರಿ ತುಗೆಲೊ ಪೂತು ವೊಣ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾಕ ಹಾಂವಂ ಘಾವ್ಣಾಂ |
 ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರಿ ತ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣುನೆಂ ಆಪ್ಣಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಂಕ ಸಾಂಗೆಂ ಕೀ ಬರೀಚಿ ಏಕಿ ಆಂಗಿ ಹಾಣ್ಣುಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ
 ಘಾಲ್ಯಾ | ಆನಿಂ ತಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಹಾತ್ತ್ಯಾಕ ಏಕಿ ಮುದ್ದಿ, ಆನಿಂ ಪಾಯ್ಕಾಕ ಜೊತ್ತಂ ಘಾಲ್ಯಾ | ಆನಿಂ ಆಮ್ಚಿಂ
 ಪಾವ್ಣ್-ಜೇವ್ಣುಂ ಖುಕಾಲ್ ಕೊರ್ಯಾಂ | ಇತ್ಯಾ ಮ್ಹಳ್ಯಾರಿ ಹೊ ಮಗೇಲೊ ಪೂತು ವೊರ್ನುಂ-ಗೆಲೆಲೊ,
 ಆನಿಂ ಪರ್ತೂನುಂ ಜಿವಂತ್ ಜಾಲೊ, ತೊ ನಾಜಾವ್ಣುಂ ಗೆಲೆಲೊ, ಮೆಳ್ಳಾ | ಆನಿಂ ತಾನ್ನಿಂ ಖುಕಾಲ್
 ಕೊರ್ಚ್ಯಾಕ ಸುರು ಕೆಲೊ ||

ತಾಗೆಲೊ ಹೋಡ್ ಪೂತು ಗಾದ್ಯಾಂತುಂ ಆಲಿಲೊ | ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಯೇವ್ಣು ಘರಾಲಾಗ್ಲಿ ಪಾವ್ಣಾಪುಡೆ ನಾಂಚು
 ಆನಿಂ ಗಾಯನಂ ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಆಯ್ಕಲೆಂ | ಆನಿಂ ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಂ ಪೈಕಿಂ ಎಕ್ಚ್ಯಾಕ ಆಪ್ಣೋವ್ಣುಂ ಹಾಜೊ
 ಆರ್ಥು ಇತ್ತೆಂ ಮುಣುಂ ವಿಚಾರ್ಲೆಂ | ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ಸಾಂಗೆಂ ಕೀ ತುಗೆಲೊ ಭಾವು ಆಯ್ಲಾ, ಆನಿಂ
 ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪಾವಿಲ್ಲೆಮಿತಿಂ ತುಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣುನೆಂ ಏಕ ಜಿವಣುಂ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾಂ | ತಾಕ್ಚಾ ತಾವಳ ಕೋಪು
 ಯೇವ್ಣುಂ ತೊ ಭಿತ್ತರಿ ವೆಚ್ಚ ನಾಜಾಲೊ | ತ್ಯಾಖತಿರ ತಾಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪ್ಣುನೆಂ ಭೈರ ಯೇವ್ಣುಂ, ತಾಕ್ಚಾ
 ಸಮಜೈತಿ ಕೋರ್ನುಂ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲೆಂ | ತಾನ್ನೆಂ ಬಾಪ್ಣುಕ ಆಶಿ ಉತ್ತರ ದಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಕೀ ಹೆಂ ಪಳೆ ಹೀಂ ಇತಿಂ
 ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಹಾಂವಂ ತುಗೆಲಿ ಚಾಕ್ರಿ ಕರ್ತಾಂ, ಆನಿಂ ತುಗೆಲೆಂ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೆದ್ನಾಯಿಂ ಮೊಣ್ಣೆಂ, ಜಾಲೆತಕ್ಯೆಂ

ತುವೆಂ ಮೊಕ್ತಾ ಮುಗಲ್ಯಾ ಮಿತ್ರಾಂಸಾಂಗಾತಿ ಋಕಾಲ್ ಕರೀಶಿ ಏಕ್ ಬಕ್ರಾಪೀಲ ಸುದ್ದಾಂ ದೀನಂ | ಜಾ-
ಲ್ಯಾರಿ ತುಗಲಿ ಭೂಯಿಂಭಾಟ ಚೆಡಿಯಾಂ ಸಹವಾಸಾಂನಿಂ ಪಾವ್ತು ಕಾಳ್‌ಲ ತಸ್ಲಾ ಹ್ಯಾ ತುಗಲ್ಯಾ ಪುತ್ರಾಂನಿಂ
ಆಯಿಲ್ಯಾಕ್ಲಾಂ ತಾಜಾಪತಿರ ತುವೆಂ ಹೊಡ ಜೆವಣಂ ಕೆಲೆಂ | ಆನಿಂ ತೊ ತಾಜಾಲ್ಗಾಂ ಮ್ಹಣಾಲೊ
ಕೀ ಪುತಾ ತೂಂ ಕೆದ್ನಾಯಿಂ ಮಜ್ಜೆ ಲಾಗ್ಗೀಚಿ ಆಸ್ಲಿ ಆನಿಂ ಮುಗಲೆಂ ಸರ್ವ ತುಗಲೆಂಚಿ ಜಾವ್ನ್-ಆಸ್ಲಿ |
ಹೊ ತುಗಲೊ ಭಾವು ಮೆಲೆಲೊ, ತೊ ಆತ್ತಂ ಪರ್ತೊನುಂ ಜಿವೆಂತ್ ಜಾಲೊ | ಆನಿಂ ತೊ ನಾಜಾಲೆಲೊ
ಆತ್ತಂ ಮೆಳ್ಳಾ ಮ್ಹಣುಂ ಆಮ್ಚೆಂ ಋಕಾಲ್ ಕೋರ್ನುಂ ಆನಂದ್‌ಪಾಂವ್ಚೆಂ ಯೋಗ್ಯ ಆಸ್ಲಿ ||

MARĀTHĪ

KŌNKANĪ DIALECT

(SARASWAT BRĀHMANS OF KARWAR)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā grihastāka dog-dzāna pūta āsille Tāntule-paikī sānu
One householder-to two persons sons were Them-from-among the-younger
 āpnā-gelyā bāpsu-kade mhon-chyā lāglo, 'ānnā, ma-gelyā vāntyāka yēv-ohi tith
his father-to to-say began, 'father, my to-share coming so great
 āsti mākā dī' Ānī tānnē āpnā-geli āsti tākā vāntūnu dī
estate me-to give' And him-by his estate them-to having-divided was-given.
 Ānī thodī-chi divsā-nī sām-pūtu āpnā-geli āsti sarva yokde kōrnū
And few only days in the-younger-son his estate all together having-made
 dhūr-ēk gāvāka vatsū-gelo, ānī thāī vāt chālī-nē āpnā-gelo paiso sarva
far-one to-country went, and there bad conduct-by his money all
 vāt-kello Ānī saiva kharṣanā-phude tyā gāvāntū hōd dushkālu paḷlo, ānī
bad-was-made And all spending-after that in-country great famine fell, and
 tikkā garad paḷlī Ānī to tyā gāv-chyā ēk grihastā-kade kāmāk rāblo
him-to want fell And he that country-of one gentleman-with for-service remained
 Ānī tinnē tikkā āpnā-gelyā gādyāntū dukrāka tsarāñ-chyāka dhāḷlo Ānī to
And him-by him-as to his in-field some for-feeding he-was-sent And he
 tyī dukrā-nī khāv-tso taslo kundo khāvnū khusāle-nē āpnā-gelō poṭa
those some-by to-be-eaten such husk having-eaten gladness-with his-own belly
 bhōrnu ghetlo-sillo Džālyāri tikkā koneī dī-nē Ānī
having-filled would-have-been-taken But him-to by-anyone it-was-not-given And
 tikkā buddhi yēnā-phude to mhonu lāglo, 'ma-gelyā bāpsu gelyā tsākrā-paikī
him-to sense coming-after he to-say began, 'my father-of servants-among
 kuttēkāka khāv-ohē khāvnu davar-śi āssa, ānī hāvē bhukko-nē matā
to-how-many to-be-eaten having-eaten for-keeping is, and I hunger-with die
 Hāvē utivnu innā-kade vatsunū, "ānnā, hāvē Devā-lāggī ānī tudz-lāggī
I having-risen father-to having-gone, 'father, by-me God-to and thee-to
 pīpa kolvā, ānī hyā-mukhār tu-gelo pūtu mhōn-ghōv-chyāka hāvē
son has-been-committed, and henceforward thy son having said-to-take I
 phāvnī Mikkā tu-gelyī tsākrā-mhanke kōrnu davarī," mhunū
am earthy not Me thy servants-like having-made keep," having-said
 mhanūī' Ānī to utāvnū āpnā-gelyā bāpsu-nē āsille-kade vatsū-gelo
I-will-say' And he having-risen his father-by being-to went
 Džālyāri tinnē sobar dhūr āstanā tī-gelyā bāpsu-nē tikkā paḷailo, ānī tikkā
But him by very far being his father-by as-for-him he-was-seen, and him-to

kākaṭṭi yēvnu to dhāṁlo, ānī tākkā poṭṭōṇū umma dīli.
ptly having-come he ran, and him having-embraced kiss was-given
 Tā-vaḷi pūtu tādz-lāggī mhanālo, 'ānnā, hāvē Devā-lāggī ānī tudz-lāggī pāpa
At-that-time the-son him-to said, 'father, by-me God-to and thee-to sin
 kellyā, hyā-mukhāri tu-gelo pūtu mhōn-ghēv-chyāka hāvē phāy-nā'
has-been-committed, henceforward thy son to-be-called I am-worthy-not'
 Dzālyāri tyā bāpsu-nē āpnā-gelyā tsākṛāka sānglē ki, 'barī-chi ēki āngi
But that father-by his servants to it-was-said that, 'good-indeed one robe
 hānnū tākkā ghālyā, ānī tā-gelyā hāttāka ēki muddi, ānī pāyyāka dzottē
having-brought him-to put; and his hand-on one ring, and foot-on shoe
 ghālyā, ānī āmmī khāvn-jēvnū khusāl koryā, ityā
put, and we having-eaten having-feasted merriment let-us-make, why
 mhalvāri, ho ma-gelo pūtu mōrn gellelo, ānī partūnū jivant dzāllā,
on-saying, this my son having-died had-gone, and again alive has-become,
 to nā-dzāvnū gellelo, mellā' Ānī tānnī khusāl kor-chyāka
he having-been-lost had gone, has-been-found' And them-by merriment to make
 suru kello
beginning was-made

Tā-gelo hōd pūtu gādyāntū āṣillo Tānnē yēvnu gharā-lāggi
His big son in-fields was Him-by having-come house-near
 pāvnā-phude nātsu ānī gāyanā tānnē āyḷilē Ānī tānnē tsākṛā-paḷkī
reaching-after dancing and music him-by was-heard And him-by servants-among
 chlyāka āppōvnū, 'hādzdzo arthu itlē?' mhunū vitsārlē Tānnē
one-to having-called, 'this-of meaning what?' having-said it-was-asked Him-by
 tākkā sānglē ki, 'tu-gelo bhāvu āylā, ānī tānnē surakshita pāville-mitī
him-to it-was-said that, 'thy brother has-come, and him-by safe reaching-for
 tu-gelyā bāpsu-nē ēka jevanā kellyā' Tākkā tā-vaḷi kōpu yēvnū to
thy father-by one feast has-been-made' Him-to then anger having-come he
 bhittari vatṭsa-nā-dzālo Tyā-khatira tā-gelyā bāpsu-nē bhaira yēvnū tākkā
inside would-not-go Therefore his futher-by out having-come him-to
 samdzai śi kōrnū sānglē Tānnē bāpsūka aśśi uttara dillē ki, 'hē
to-persuade for it-was-told Him-by father-to thus reply was-given that, 'this
 pale, hī itlī varsā hāvē tu-geli tsākri kartā, ānī tu-gelē uttara kednāyī
see, these so-many years I thy service do, and thy word ever
 mon-nē, dzālle-tarkai tuvē mākkā ma-gelyā mitrā sāngātī khusāl kari-śi
was-broken-not, still by-thee me-to my friends with merriment making-for
 ēka bakryā-pila suddā di-nē Dzālyāri tu-geli bhūyī-bhāta chediya
one kid even was-not-given But thy land-and-garden prostitutes'
 sahaṁvāsā-nē khāvnu-kāḷḷel-taslyā hyā tu-gelyā puttā-nē āyilyā-kshanā
company in having-eaten-squandered-such this thy son-by coming-moment-at

tādz-khatira tuvē hoda jevanā kelle' Anī to tādz-lāggī mhanalo kī, 'puti,
him-for by-thee big feast is-made. And he him-to said that, 'son,
 tū kednāyī majje-lāggī-ohi āssa, anī ma-gelē sarva tu-gelē-ohi dzāvn
thou always me-near-only art, and mine all thine-indeed having-become
 āssa Ho tu-gelo bhāvu mellelo, to āttā partūnū jivant dzāllā, anī to
is This thy brother had-died, he now again alive has-become, and he
 nā-dzāllelo, āttā mellā, mhunū āmmī khusāl kōrnū ānand
was-lost, now has-been-found, therefore by-us meirment having-made gladness
 pāv-ohē yōgya āssa'
should-be-felt proper is'

KUDĀLĪ

It has already been remarked that the dialects spoken in Sawantwadi and Ratnagiri gradually approach the dialects of the Central Konkan, which again, in their form the connecting link between Kōnkanī and the Konkan Standard of Marāthī made

Standard Kōnkanī is spoken in the south-west corner of Sawantwadi and, save scattered settlements of the Talukas of Vengurla and Malwan in Ratnagiri, the principal language of Sawantwadi and of the southern part of Ratnagiri is also a pallo, anī subdialect. It is usually called Kudālī, a name derived from the Kulal *the fell, and* wadi. In Ratnagiri it is sometimes also called Mālvani.

The Kudālī dialect is spoken from the Santarda River, which falls in the at Terekhol, in the south, to Deogad, Kankoli, and Phonda Ghat in the eastern and western boundaries are the Sahyadri Hills and the Arabian Sea. Anī to Kudālī is also spoken in Bombay Town and Island by settlers from Sawant Ratnagiri. The following numbers have been returned for this Survey —

Sawantwadi	183,600	belly
Ratnagiri	302,000	Anī
Bombay Town and Island	90,000	And
TOTAL	575,600	paikī

The chief points in which Kudālī differs from Standard Kōnkanī are as follows:

The long and short *e* and *o* are not clearly distinguished. The short forms are found in considerable number in Sawantwadi. Thus, *te-kā*, to him, *kelō*, done, *hotō*, was, etc. Both *ē* and *ō* are, however, usually long, just as is the case in Standard Marāthī.

Ā or *ā* is used for Standard Marāthī *ē*, not only in cases where it is so used in Standard Kōnkanī, but also elsewhere. Thus, *varsā*, years, *dukā*, pigs, *tā saglā*, that all.

There is a strong tendency to drop the Anunāsika, a tendency which is also found in the Kōnkanī of Belgaum and in the dialects of the Central Konkan. Thus, *tyētullō* for *tyātullō*, from among them, *tenī* and *tenē*, by him (honorific plural).

The cerebral *n* is correctly used in Sawantwadi, but it is freely replaced by *n* in Ratnagiri and Bombay, thus, *pānī* and *pānī*, water, *kōn* and *kōn*, who? The dental *n* is also substituted for Standard Marāthī *l* in *nhan*, small.

✓ is often dropped before *ṣ* and *ṣ*; thus *viṣ* and *iṣ*, twenty, *ṣṭān nā*, to ask It is sometimes also dropped in the conjunctive participle in *va* or *va*, thus, *mhanān*, having said, *uṭhān*, having risen It is replaced by *y* in *ṭhēy*, keep (Ratnagiri), for which the Sawantwadi texts give *thēv*

The inflection of nouns agrees with Standard Kōṅkaṇī The word *bāpūs*, father, however, differs in the oblique form which is *bāpās* or *bāpāṣi*, thus, *bāpās-ṭṣō* or *bāpāṣi-ṭṣō*, of a father

The pronoun of the first person singular takes the form *mī* or *mīyā* as in Standard Marāṭhī while Kōṅkaṇī has *hāv* *Āpan* is used as the corresponding plural including the person addressed

The pronoun *tō*, that, forms its dative and corresponding forms from the base *tē* or *tyā*, thus, *te-kā*, *tē-kā* and *tyā-kā*, to him The other demonstrative and relative pronouns are inflected in the same way

'What?' is *kāy* as in Standard Marāṭhī The form *kitē* seems, however, also to be used, for we find *kityāk*, why?

The verb substantive forms its present tense as follows — *mī āsāy*, *tē āsay*, or *āsas*, *tō āsā*, *āmī āsāv*, *tumī āsāt*, *tē āsat* In the second person singular we also find *has* or *āhas*, and in the third *hā* or *āhā*, and the other persons can certainly be formed in a corresponding way The past tense is 1 *hōtāy*, 2 *hōtay*, 3 *hōtō*, plural, 1 *hōtāv*, 2 *hōtyāt*, 3 *hōtē*

Other intransitive verbs are conjugated by means of the same suffixes Thus, *āmī ḍātāv*, we go, *tumī gēlyāt*, you went In the future the form in *ān* is in common use, thus, *mhanān*, I shall say, *mēlāt*, it will be got But also *yētalō*, he will come The habitual past seems to be used as in Standard Marāṭhī, thus, *ḍāy-nā*, he would not go

The past tense of transitive verbs agrees with Standard Kōṅkaṇī The corresponding perfect seems to be used in the same sense Only a few forms occur The second person singular ends in *lay* or *las*, the third person singular in *lyān*, the first person plural in *lāv*, the second person plural in *lyāt*, and the third person plural in *lyānī*, thus, *tū mār^llay*, or *mār^llas*, thou struckest, *tēnī mār^llyān*, he struck, *āmī mār^llāv*, we struck, *tumī mār^llyāt*, you struck, *tē-nī mār^llyānī*, they struck, *tū tū kōnā-kad^ssūn vaktā ghēt^llay*, or *ghē^llas*, thou that whom-from buying tookest? from whom did you buy that? *tyē-nā tyē-chyā gaḷyāk mti mār^llyān ān tyē-ṭṣō mukō ghē^llyān*, him-by his neck-on embracing was-struck and his kiss was-taken, he fell on his neck and kissed him In *tū jēvān kēla has*, thou hast made a feast, *kēla has* is the uncontracted form of *kēlas* The futuro is formed as in Standard Marāṭhī, thus, *mī māi in*, I shall strike In the second person singular we find *mār^sit* and *mār^sīl*

In other respects the specimens which follow will be found to agree with Standard Kōṅkaṇī The first specimen, which has been received from Sawantwadi, represents the language of the higher classes The lower classes are stated to use the same form of speech, with but slight differences in pronunciation and inflection Of the second specimen only the beginning has been given in transliteration and translation without the corresponding passage in the vernacular character It comes from Ratnagiri

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

KŌNKANĪ (KUDĀLĪ) DIALECT

(STĀL SAWANTWADI)

SPECIMEN I.

अेका माणसाक दोन भील होते । तेतुरलो न्हानगो वापाशीक म्हणूक लागलो बाबा, माका येतलो तो जिंदगेचो वाँटो माका दी । मगे तेणी तेंकाँ आपली जिदगी वाटून दिली । मगे पुस्कळ दीस जाँवचे आदींच न्हानग्या भिलान सगळाँ एकठंय केलाँ, आणि दूर देशाक जाँवक गेलो आणि धैँसर मौज मारून होताँ ताँ सगळाँ घालयलाँ । तेचे कडलाँ सगळाँ सरल्यार धैँसर एक थोर दुकळ पडलो, आणि तेका कठीण दीस आयले । मगे तो धैँसरल्या अेका गिरेस्ता-धैँ जावन रवलो । तेणीं तेका आपलीं डुकराँ चरँवक आपल्या शेताँत धाडलो । आणि तेका दिसूँक लागलाँ डुकराँ खातत तो कुँडो माका मेळात तर वरो । पण तो सुद्दाँ कोण तेका देयना । मगे तो भानार येवन म्हणूक लागलो, माज्या बापासचे कितकी तरी गडी खावन जेवन आसत आणि मी उपासाँनीं मरतैँ । मी उठान आणि बापाशी-हार जायन आणि तेका म्हणान, बाबा मी देवा-कडे आणि तुजे-कडे चुकलँय, आणि तुजो भील म्हणूक फावानैँ । तूँ माका तुजो एक गडी म्हणून तुजे-कडे ठेव । आणि तो मगे उठलो आणि बापाशी-हार आयलो । तो दूर आसतानाँच बापाशीन तेका वगलो, आणि तेका तेची काकळूत आयली । धाँव मारून तेणीं तेच्या गळ्याक मिठी मारली आणि तेची मुका घेतली । भिलान तेका म्हटलाँ, बाबा, मी देवा-कडे आणि तुजे-कडे चुकलँ, मी तुजो भील म्हणूक फावान । पण बापाशीन गड्याँक म्हटलाँ, एक बरोसो आंगरखो हाडा आणि हेका घाला आणि हेच्या हाताँत एक आंगठी आणि पायाँत जुतीँ घाला । आणि जेवन खावन आनद करूँया, माजो भील मेललो तो फिरून जितो जालो, तो सांडललो पण परत गावलो । मगे तेणीं आनंद केलो ॥

तेचो थोरलो भील शेताँत गेललो । तो घरा-हार येता तर तेका गाणा नाचणा आयकूँक येवँक लागलाँ । तेणी अेका गड्याक साद घातलो आणि कायरे छ्याँ म्हणून विचारलाँ । तेणी तेका म्हटलाँ तुजो भाव आयलोसा, तो खुशाल घराक

आयलो म्हणून तुज्या वापाशीन ह्या जेवाण केलोसा । तेका राग आयलो आणि तो घरांत जायना । तेचो वापूस भायर आयलो आणि तेका वावापुता करूंक लागलो । तेणी वापाशीक म्हटलो, वग, इतकीं वर्सां मी तुजी चाकरी करतें, तुज्या शब्दा भायर कर्दीं गेलें नाय । पण तूं माका केंच माज्या द्रष्टा वांगडा मजा मारूंक एक वकऱ्याचो पोर सुद्दां दिलय नाय । पण जेणी तुजी जिनगी रांडां बरोबर वाटेक लायली तो तुजो भील घरांत येवंचे आदींच तेचेसाठीं तूं जेवाण करतय । वापाशीन सागलां, भिला, तूं सदीं माजे बरोबर आसय, माजां आसा तां सगळां तुजांच । आमी आनंद करूंचो ह्याच खरा । कित्या म्हणशीत तर, हो तुजो भाव मेल्लो तो जितो जालो, तो नाय जाल्लो तो गावलो ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KONKANĪ (KUDĀLĪ) DIALECT

(STATE SAWANTWADI)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mān'sāk dōn jhīl hōtē Tētur'lō nhān'gō bāpāsīk mhanūk lāg'lō,
One to-man two sons were Of-them the-younger to-the father to say began,
 'bābā, mā-kā yētalō tō jund'gē-tsō vātō mā-kā di.' Magē tē-nī
'father, me-to will-come that the-property-of share me to give' Then him-by
 tē-kā āp'lī jund'gī vātūn dālī Magē puskal dis dṛāv'-chō
them-to his own property having divided was-given Then many days passing
 ādī-ts nhān'gyā jhulān sag'lā ēk-thāy kelā, ānī dūn deśāk
before even the-younger son-by all in-one-place was-made, and far to-country
 dṛāv'k gēlō ānī thaīśai maudz mārūn hotā-tā sag'lā ghālay'lā.
to-go went and there merry-making having-done (whatever-)was-that all was-spent
 Tē chē-kad'lā sag'lā sar'yār thaīśai ēk thōi dukal pad'lō, ānī te-kā
Him-with all was-spent-after there one great famine befell, and him-to
 kathin dis āy'lē Magē tō thaīśar'yā ekā gñēstā-thaī dṛāv'n
hard days came Then he of-that-place one householder's-house-in having-gone
 rav'lō Tē-nī te-kā āp'lī duk'rā charāv'k āp'yā śetāt dhād'lō
dwelt Him-by him-as-for his-own swine to-graze his-own in-the-fields he-was-sent
 ānī te-kā disūk lāg'lā duk'rā khātat tō kundō mā-kā melāt tai
And him-to to appear began the-swine are-eating that husks me-to will-come then
 barō Pan tō suddā kōn te-kā dēy-nā Magē tō bhānā yēv'n
good But that even anyone him-to would-not-give Then he to-senses having-come
 mhanūk lāg'lō, 'māgyā bāpās-chē kit'hē-tarī gadi khāv'n jēv'n āsat ānī mī
to say began, 'my father of how-many servants eating dining are and I
 up'isā-nī mar'taī, mī uthān ānī bāpāśī-hān dṛāv'n ānī te-kā mhanān
hunger-with am-dying, I will rise and (my)-father-to will-go and him-to will-say
 "bābā, mī Devā-kadē ānī tujē-kadē tsuk'lāy, ānī tudzō jhīl mhanūk
"father, I God towards and thee towards have-eried, and thy son to-be called
 phāvā nāī, tū mā-kā tudzō ēk gadi mhanūn tujē-kadē thēv'" Ānī tō magē uth'lō
am-not-fit, thou me-to thy one servant saying thee-with keep'" And he then arose
 ānī bāpāśī-hār āy'lō Tō dūr ās'tānā-ts bāpā-sin te-kā bag'lō, ānī
and father-to came He far while-he was-even the-father-by him-to was-seen, and
 te-kā tē-chī kāk'lūt āy'lī Dhāv-mārūn tē-nī te-chyā galyāk
him-to him of pity came Running-having-struck him-by his on-the-neck

mithī mār'li, āni tē-chī mukā ghēt'li Jhulān te-kā mhat'lā,
embracing was-struck, and him-of kiss was-taken The-son-by him-to it-was-said,
 'bābā, mī Devā-kadē āpi tujē-kadē tsuk'lāi, mī tudzō jhīl mhanūk
'father, I God-towards and thee-towards have-erred, I thy son to-be-called
 phāvā-naī' Pan bāpā-sin gadyāk mhat'lā, 'ēk barōsō āng'rakhō hādā āni
am-not-fit' But the-father-by servants to it-was said, 'one good coat bring and
 he-kā ghālā, āni he-chyā hātāt ēk āng'thī āni pāyāt dzutī ghālā, āni
him-to put-on, and his in-the-hand one ring and on-the-feet shoes put, and
 jēv'n khāv'n ānand karū-yā, mādzō jhīl mēl'lō, tō phirūn jitō
by-dining by eating merriment let-us-make, my son was-dead, he again alive
 dzālō, tō sād'lālō, pan parat gāv'lō' Magē tē-nī ānand kēlō
became, he was-lost, but again is-got' Then them-by merriment was-made.

Tē-tsō thōr'lō jhīl śetāt gāl'lō Tō gharā-hār yetā, tar te kā
His elder son in-the-fields was gone He house-towards comes, then him-to
 gānā nāts'nā āy'kūh yēv'k lāg'lā Tē-nī ekā gadyāk sād ghāt'lō āpi,
singing dancing to hear to come began. Him-by one servant-to a-call was-put and,
 'kāy-rē hyā?' mhanūn vīohār'lā Tē-nī te-kā mhat'lā, 'tudzō bhāv
'what-O (is-)this?' saying it-was-asked. Him-by him to it-was-said, 'thy brother
 āy'lō-sā, tō khusāl gharāk āy'lō, mhanūn tujyā bāpā-sin hyā jevān kēlā-sā'
come-is, he safe house-to came, therefore thy father-by this feast made-is'
 'Tē kā rāg āy'lō āni tō gharāt dzāy-nā Tē-tsō bāpūs bhāy'r
Him-to anger came and he into-the-house would not-go His father out
 āy'lō āni te-kā babā-putā karū lāg'lō Tē-nī bāpā-sīk mhat'lā,
came and him-to entreating, to-do began Him-by (his-)father-to it was-said,
 'bag, it'kī varṣā mī tujī tsāk'rī kar'tai, tujyā śabdā-bhāy'r kadī
'see, so-many years I thy service have-been doing, thy word-out-of ever
 gēlāī nāy, pan tū mā-kā kāi-ts mājyā ishtā-vang'dā majā
have gone not, but by-thee me to ever even my friends with merriment
 mārūk ēk bak'ryā-tsā por suddā dilay nāy, pan jē-nī
for-making one goat-of young-one even was given not, but whom-by
 tujī ju'gi iāndā-barobar vātēk-lāy'li tō tudzō jhīl gharāt yēv chē
thy property harlots-with was-wasted that thy son into the-house coming
 ādī-ts tē-chēsāthī tū jevān kar'tay' Bāpāsin sāng'lā, 'jhulā,
before-even him-for thou a-feast art-making' The-father-by it-was told, 'son,
 tū sadī mājē-barobar āsay, mādzū ūsā tū sag'lā tudzā-ts Āmī
thou always me-with art, mine is that all thine-veryly By-us
 ānand karū-tsō hyā-ts kharū, kityā mhan'sit, tar hō tudzō
merriment should-be-made this-only proper, why if-thou-wilt-say, then this thy
 bhāv mēl'lō, tō jitō dzālō, tō nāy-dzāl'lō, tō gāv'lō'
brother was-dead, he alive became, he was-lost, he is-found'

[No 46]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀṬHĪ

KŌNKANĪ (KUDĀLĪ) DIALECT

(DISTRICT RATNAGIRI)

SPECIMEN II.

Kōnā yēkā mān'sāk dōg-dzan jhīl hutē. Āni tyētullō dhāk'lō
Some one man-to two-persons sons were. And them-in from the-younger
 bāpāsīk unāg'lō, 'bābū, dzō jund'gyē-tsō vātō mū-kā yū-tsō to dī'
the-father-to said, 'father, what property-of share me-to (is)-to-come that give'
 Magē tyē-nā tyē-kā jund'gī vātūn dīli Magē thōlyā disū-nī
Then him-by them-to property having-divided was given Then few days-in
 dhāk'lō jhīl sag'lā ghēvn lāmb-ohyā mul'kāt gōlō, ān'kī thāy-sai rītibhagar
the younger son all having-taken far to-country went, and there riotously
 tsalān āp'lō paisō khat'sūn tāk'lō Magō tyē-nā sag'lā kharats'lyār tyā
living his money having-spent was-thrown Then him-by all spent-after that
 mul'kāt mōthō dukaḥ pad'lō Tyēd'vā tyē-kā paisō myēlā-nīsō dzīlō
in-country great famine arose Then him-to money was-got-not-such became
 Tāvā tō tyā mul'kātlyā yēkā guristā-lāgī dzāvn rav'lō Tyē-nā tyē-kā
Then he that country-in-of one householder-near having-gone stayed Him-by him
 duk'rā tsarāūk āp'lyā sētāt dhād'lyān Tyēd'vā duk'rā dzō kundō khāy't tyā
some to-tend his in-field it-was-sent Then some what husk ate that
 kundyān āp'lā pōt bharū-tsā asā tyē-kā dis'lā Āni tyē-kā kōnī
with-husk his belly should-be-filled thus him-to it-seemed And him-to (by-)anybody
 kāyyēk dilyān nāy
anything was-given not

DĀLDĪ

The Dāldis or Nawāits are a caste of Muhammadan fishermen They claim an Arab descent, but speak a broken Kōnkanī They are found in the Madras Presidency, in Kanara, Ratnagiri, Janjira, and Bombay Town and Island The figures returned for the Linguistic Survey are as follows —

Bombay Town and Island	2,000
Janjira	11,500
Ratnagiri	2,000
Kanara	3,000
TOTAL	23,500

To this total must be added the Nawāits of the Madras Presidency, for the number of whom no estimates are available

In Ratnagiri the Dīldis are chiefly found in the Ratnagiri sub-division, and in Kanara they occur in Karwar, but mainly in Bhatkul.

The dialect spoken by the Dīldis is not the same over all the territory in which they are found, but differs and approaches the various local dialects of their neighbours.

Many of the Dīldis are said to be able to talk and understand Hindōstānī. This latter language has, however, had little influence on their dialect. Several Hindōstānī loanwords have been adopted, and some phonetical features are probably due to the influence of that form of speech. Thus, the change of the cerebral *ḍ* to *ṭ*, and, in Ratnagiri and Janjira, the substituting of *r* for *d* between vowels. Compare instances such as *ḍoḍo*, eye, *ḡḡoro*, horse. These peculiarities are, however, also shared by the Marāṭhī of the Konkan.

Of the Konkanī dialects, Dīldi most closely agrees with Kudāḷī. It has the same form for *I*, and the same third person singular of the past tense of transitive verbs ending in *a*, thus, *ṭe-na ḷollan*, him by it-was said, he said.

A peculiarity of the dialect is the use of the form *ker* in addition to *kar*, do, thus, *ker chā*, to do, *kerlī*, done. The latter form shows that the past tense of this verb differs from Konkanī.

Characteristic are also the many forms of nouns ending in *a*, thus, *putūs*, son, *ḷāṭa*, brother, *ḍḷāṭa*, daughter, *bapa lā* and *bapā-lās*, to a father, *putā chīs rāhām*, with the son, &c.

In most respects, however, Dīldi will be found to agree with Konkanī and with the dialects surrounding the speakers. Thus, long and short *e* and *o* are distinguished in Karwar, but apparently not in Ratnagiri and Janjira. The Anunāsika is often dropped or replaced by *a*, and so forth. On the whole, there will be no difficulty in understanding the two specimens which follow. The first is a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son received from Karwar. It has been printed in Kanarese characters. The second specimen is a folk tale from Janjira, and is printed in Devanagari. Each is accompanied by transliteration and translation.

[No 47.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KONKANI (DĀLDĪ BROKEN) DIALECT

(KARWAR, DISTRICT KANARA)

SPECIMEN I.

ಎಕಾ ಮಾನ್ಸಾಲಾ ದೊಗ್ ಜಾಣ್ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಹೊತೆ | ತೆಂತೂಸಿ ಲಾನ್ಹಾ ಪುತಾಶೀನ್ ಬಾಪಾಲಾ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲಾನ್—ಬಾಪಾ ಮಾಜ್ಯಾ ವಾಂಟ್ಯಾ ಕಾಯ್ ಯೇತೆ ತಂ ಮಲಾ ದೇ | ಆನಿ ತೆನಾ ಆಪ್ಲಿ ಜಮೀನ್ ತ್ಯಾಂಲಾ ವಾಂಟೂನ್ ದಿಲಿ | ಧೊಡ್ಯಾ ದಿಶಿಂ ನ್ಹಾನ್ಹೊ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಸಗಟ್ ಯೆಂಕ್ಚೆ ಕರೂನ್ ಘೇವ್ನ್ ದೂರ್‌ಗಾವಾಂತ್ ಗೆಲೊ | ಫೈಂ ಆಪ್ಲಿ ಸಗ್ಳಿ ಜಮೀನ್ ಖೆರೂನ್—ಖಾವ್ನ್ ಪಾಡ್—ಕರೂನ್ ಟಾಂಕ್ಲಾನ್ | ತೆನಾ ಸಗಟ್ ಖರಚ್—ಕರೂನ್ ಜೈಲಾ ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಗಾವಾಂತ್ ಭಾರಿ ಮೊಟೊ ಬರ್ಗಾಲ್ ಪೊಡ್ಲೊ ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಲಾ ಗರಜ್ ಲಾಗಿ | ಆನಿ ತೋ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ತ್ಯಾ ಗಾಂವ್ಚೊ ಎಕಾ ಗಾಂವ್‌ಕಾರಾ ಲಾಗಟ್ ಚಾಕ್ರಿಲಾ ರಾವ್ಲೊ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಗಾಂವ್ಕಾರಾನ್ ತ್ಯಾ ಆಪ್ಲೊ ಗಾದ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಆಪ್ಲಿಂ ಡುಕ್ರಾಂ ಚರಾಂವ್ಲಾ ಧಾಡ್ಲಾನ್ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಡುಕ್ರಾನ್ ಖಾಂವ್ಲೊ ಕುಂಡೊ ತ್ಯಾ ಲಾ ಗಾವ್ತೊಡೊತೊ ತರ ತೋ ಖುಶಾಲೀನ್ ಖಾತೊಡೊತೊ, ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರ್ ತೆಲಾ ಕೋಣ್ ಕಾಯ್ ದೇಇನಾಂ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಆಪ್ಲಿ ಯೇವ್ನ್ ತೋ ಬೊಲಾಲಾ ಲಾಗೊ ಮಾಜ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪಾ ಘರಾಂ ಚಾಕ್ರಿಚ್ಯಾ ಮಾನ್ಸಾಲಾ ಖಾವ್ನ್—ಜೇವ್ನ್ ತೇ ಆಪ್ಲೊ ಹಾತಾಂತ್ ಧೈತಾತ್ ಮಿಂ ಹಿತಿಂ ಭುಕ್ತಿಂ ಮರ್ತಾಂ | ಮಿಂ ಉಟೂನ್ ಮಾಜ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪಾ ಘರಾಂ ಜಾವ್ನ್, ಐಸೊ ಬೊಲ್ತಾಂ, ಬಾಪಾ, ಮಿಂ ಖುದಾ ನಾ ತುಜ್ಯಾ ಸಾವ್ಲೊ ಪಾಪ್ ಕೆರ್ತಾಂ | ಆತಾಂ ಹೆಚ್ಯಾಪೂಡ್ಯಾಂ ಮಿಂ ತುಜೊ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಬೊಲೂನ್ ಬೊಲಾಲಾ ಹೋಯ್—ನಾಂ | ತುಜ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಂ ಸಾಂಗಾತಿ ಮಲಾ ಚಾಕರ್ ಕರೂನ್ ರೇವ್ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೋ ಉಟೂನ್ ಬಾಪಾ ಲಾಗಟ್ ಗೆಲೊ | ಬಾಪಾನ್ ಪುತಾಲಾಸ್ ದೂರ್ ಆಸ್ತಾನಾಂ ಬಗೈಲಾನ್ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ಬಾಪಾಲಾಸ್ ಕಾಕ್ರೂಡ್ ಆಯ್ಲಿ | ತೋ ಧಾವ್ನ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ತೆಲಾ ಯೆಂಗ್ ಮಾರೂನ್ ಧರ್ಲಾನ್ ಆನಿ ಬೊಲಾಂಚೆ ಭೆತ್ಲಾನ್ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ಪುತಾಶೀನ್ ತ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಲಾಗಟ್ ಬೊಲ್ಲಾನ್, ಬಾಪಾ ಮಿಂ ಖುದಾ ನಾ ತುಜ್ಯಾ ಸಾವ್ಲೊ ಪಾಪ್ ಕೆರ್ತಾಂ | ಮಿಂ ತುಜೊ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಬೊಲೂನ್ ಬೊಲಾಲಾ ಹೋಯ್ ನಾಂ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ಬಾಪಾಶೀನ್ ಆಪ್ಲೊ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಲಾ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲಾನ್, ಏಕ್ ಚೊಕೊಡಟ್ ಆಂಗ್ರೀಕಾ ಹಾಡೂನ್ ತ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಆಂಗಾಂತ್ ಘಾಲಾ, ಆನಿ ಏಕ್ ಮುಡಿ ತ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಬೊಟಾಂತ್ ಆನಿ ತ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಪಾಯಾಕ್ ವಾನ್ಲೊ ಘಾಲಾ ಆನಿ ಆಮಿಂ ಖಾವ್ನ್—ಜೇವ್ನ್ ಖುಶಾಲೀನ್ ರೇವೊಲಾ | ಕಿತ್ಯಾ ಬೊಲ್ಲ್ಯಾರ್ ಮಾಜೊ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಮೇಲೊ ಹೋತೊ ಜಿತೊ ಹೋವ್ನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ | ತೋ ನಾಂ ಜೈಲೊ ಹೋತೊ, ತೋ ಗಾವ್ಲೊ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೇ ಖುಶಾಲ್ ಕೆರೂಲಾ ಲಾಗ್ ||

ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೆಚೊ ಮೋಟೊ ಪುತೂಸಕ್ ಗಾದ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಹೋತೊ | ತೋ ಗಾದ್ಯಾಂತ್ಲೊ ಘರಾ ಲಾಗಿಂ ಯೆತಾಂ ವರಿ, ಗಾಂವ್ಚೊ ಆನಿ ನಾಚೂಂಚೊ ಐಕ್ಲಾನ್ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೆನಾ ಎಕಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾಲಾ ಆಪೈಲಾನ್ ಆನಿ ಇಚಾರ್ಲಾನ್, ಹಿತಿಂ ಕಾಯ್ ಹೊತೇಂಕೆ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೆನಾ ತೆಲಾ ಬೊಲ್ಲಾನ್, ತುಜೊ ಭಾವೂಸ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ ಆನಿ ತುಜ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪಾಶೀನ್ ಏಕ್ ಜೆವಣ್ ದೆಲಾನ್ ಕಿತ್ಯಾ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಬೊಲ್ಲ್ಯಾರ್ ತೋ ಚೊಕೊಡಟ್ ಸೋವ್ನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೆಕಾ ರಾಗ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ ಘರಾಂತ್ ಜಾಯ್ಜಾಂ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ಬಾಪೂಸ್ ಭೈರ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ ತೆಕಾ ಸಮ್‌ಜಾಂವ್ಕ್ ಲಾಗೊ | ತೆದ್ವಾಂ ತೆನಾಂ ಬಾಪಾಲಾಸ್ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲಾನ್, ಹೀ ಬಗಿ ಎತ್ತೆ ವರ್ಸಾಂ

ವಿಗಂ ರುಜಿ ಬಾಕ್ರಿ, ಕರ್ತಾಂ ರುಜಿ ಬಾರ್ ಇದ್ವಾಂ ಮೊಳ್ಳೆಲಿ ನಾಡಂ| ತೇ ಬಿ ಆಪ್ಲ್ಯಾ ದೋಸ್ತಾಂ
 ಸಾಂಗಾತಿಂ ಮುಣ್ಣಿ ಕರೊಲಾ ಪಿಶ್ ಜಿತ್ಯಾಚೆಂ ಪೋರ ಪಸ್ ಆಪ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಲಿಲೋಸ್ ನಾಡಂ| ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರ್
 ಮಜಿ ಜವಾನ್ ಕಾಪಾಚ್ಯಾ, ಸಾಂಗಾತಿಂ ಕೇವೊನ್ ಬಾನ್ವ್ ಕಾಚ್ಲೆಲ್ಯಾ ಪುತಾಲಾಸ್ ಆಪ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಬರೋಬರ್
 ಪಾಚಾ, ವಾತಿರ್ ವಗಂ ಮೊರಾಂ ಜಿವನ್ ಲಿಲೋಸ್| ಕದಾಂ ಕನಾಂ ಕೆಲಾ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲಾನ್ ಕೂಂ
 ಇದಾಂವೊ ಮೊಟಾ, ಲಾಗುನ್ ಆಸಸ್, ಮಜಿ ಲಾಗ್ಲೆಂ ಇದ್ಯಾ ಆರೆ ತಂ ರುಜಂಚ್| ಆಮಿಂ ಖುಶಾಫಿ
 ಕೆದೊ ತಂ ಆಸಿಂ ಮುಣಿನ್ ರವೊವೊ ಮೊಳೊಡ್ ಆರೆ| ಕೆತ್ಯಾ ಲಾ ಜೊಲ್ಲ್ಯಾರ್ ಮೊಲಿ ರುಜೊ ಭಾವೊಸ್
 ಮೊಳ್ಳೆಲಿ ಜೋರಾಂ, ಜಿವಾನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊ, ಕೂಲಿ ನಾಡಂ ಜೈಲೊ ಆತಾಂ ಗಾಸ್ಲೊ |

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KŌŌKANĪ (DĀLDĪ BROKEN) DIALECT.

(KARWAR, DISTRICT KANARA.)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā mānsā-lā dog-dzān putūs hote. Tentūsi lhānsā putāsin
A-certain man-to two-persons sons were Of-them the-younger son-by
 bāpā-lā sānglān, 'bāpā, mājyā vāntyā-lā kāy yēte tã ma-lā dē' Ānī
the-father-to it-was-said, 'father, my share-to what comes that me-to give' And
 te-nā āpli dzamin tyā-lā vāntūn dili Thodyā dīśī nhānsō
him-by his-own land them-to having-divided was-given. A-few in-days the-younger
 putūs sagat yenkte karūn ghēvn dūr gāvānt gelo Thāī āpli
son all together having-made having-taken distant into-country went There his-own
 saglī dzamin kherūn-khāvn pād-karūn tāk'lān. Te-nā sagat kharach
whole land having-eaten-away bad-making was-thrown Him-by all expenditure
 karūn dzālā tedvā tyā gāvānt bhāri moto bargāl podlo. Tedvā tyā-lā
having-made became then that into-country very great famine fell Then him-to
 garadz lāg'lī Ānī tō dzāvn tvā gāv-ohyā ekā gāv-kārā lāgat tsākri-lā
want was-felt And he having-gone that country-of one citizen near in-service
 rāvlo Tedvā tyā gāv-kārān tyā-lā āplyā gādyānt āplī dukrā tsaraūv-lā
remained Then that citizen-by him-to his-own into-field his-own sown to-graze
 dhādlan Tedvā tyā dukrān khāv-tso kupdo tyā-lā gāvto hōto tar tō
it-was sent. Then those swine-by eating-of husks him-to if-obtained had-been then he
 khuśālēn khāto hōto, dzālyār te-lā kōn kāy dēi-nāī. Tedvā
gladness-with would-have-eaten, but him-to anyone anything would-not-give. Then
 tyā-lā akkal yēvn tō bolū-lā lāglo, 'mājyā bāpā-gharā tsākri-ohyā mānsā-lā
him-to sense having-come he to-speak began, 'my father's-house-in service-of men-to
 khāvn jēvn tē āplyā hātānt thātāt, mī hūī bhukkē martā
having-eaten having-fed they their-own in-hands keep, I here hunger-by am-dying.
 Mī utūn mājyā bāpā-gharā dzāvn aiso bolā, "bāpā, mī Khudā
I having-arisen my of-father-to-house having-gone thus speak, "father, by-me God
 nā tu-jyā sāmko pāp kerlū, ātā he-ohyā-phudyā mī tudzo putūs bolūn bolū-lā
and thee-of before sin is-done, now henceforward I thy son speaking to-speak
 hōy-nāī, tu-jyā tsākri-sāngātī ma-lā tsākar karūn thēv" Tedvā tō
am-not-fit; thy servants-with me-to a-servant having-made keep." Then he
 utūn bāpā lāgat gelo Bāpān putā-lās dūr āstā-nā bagailān,
having-arisen father near went. By-the-father the-son-to distant being it-was-seen;

tedvã bāpa-lās kākṛūd āyhi. Tō dhāvn dzāvn te-lā yeng
 then the-father-to compassion came. He running having-gone him-to embracing
 mārūn dharlān ānī bōñchi ghetlān Tedvã putā-sin tyā-chyā lāgat
 having-struck it-was-held and kiss was-taken. Then the-son-by him-of near
 bollān, 'bāpā, mī Khudā nā tujyā sāmko pāp kerlū, mī tudzo putūs bolūn
 it-was-said, 'father, by-me God and thee-of before sin is-done, I thy son saying
 bolū-lā hōy-nāī' Tedvã bāpā-sin āplyā tsākrā-lā sānglān, 'āk tsokōt
 to-say am-not-fit' Then the-father-by his-own servants-to it-was-said, 'one good
 āngrōkā hādūn tyā-chyā āngānt ghālā, ānī ēk mudi tyā-chyā botānt, ānī
 a-coat having-brought him-of in-body put, and one ring him-of in-finger, and
 tyā-chyā pāyāk vānnē ghālā Ānī āmī khāvn jēvn khusālīn
 him-of to-feet shoes put And we having-eaten having-dined gladness-with
 rēvū-lā, kityā bollyār, mādzo putūs mēlo hōto, jito hōvn āylo,
 let-us-live, why if-you-ask, my son dead was, alive having-become has-come;
 tō nāī-dzailo hōto, tō gāvlo' Tedvã tē khusālki kerū-lā lāgle
 he lost was, he is-found' Then they merriment to-do began
 Tedvã te-tso mōto putūs gādyānt hōto Tō gādyāntu-sī gharā-lāggī yetā-varī
 Then his elder son in-the-field was He the-field-in-from house-near coming-on
 gāv-tsā ānī nātsū-tsā aklān Tedvã te-nā ekā tsākrā-lā āpailān ānī
 singing and dancing was-heard Then him-by one servant-to it-was-called and
 ichārlān, 'hittī kāy hotē-se?' Tedvã te-nā te-lā bollān, 'tudzō bhāvūs
 asked, 'here what is going-on?' Then him-by him-to it-was-said, 'thy brother
 āylo-se ānī tujyā bāpā-sin āk jevan delān, kityā-khātīr bollyār, tō tsokōt
 has-come and thy father-by one dinner is-given, what-for if-you-ask, he good
 hōvn āylo' Tedvã te-kā rāg āylo, gharānt dzāy-nā-dzāylo Tedvã bāpūs
 being came' Then him-to anger came, in-the-house would-not-go Then the-father
 bhar āylo, te-kā samjāv-kā lāg'lo. Tedvã te-nā bāpā-lās sānglān, 'hī bagī,
 out came, him-to to-persuade began Then him-by the-father-to it-was-said, 'this see,
 etle varsā mī tuji tsākrī kartā, tuji bāt kedvã molleh nāī Tē-bī āplyā
 so-many years I thy service am-doing, thy word ever was-broken not Still my-own
 dōstā-sāngātī khusālki kerū-lā ēk bakryā-tsā pōr pan āplyā-lā dilās nāī.
 friends-with merriment to-do one goat-of young-one even my-own-self-to gavest not.
 But thy land harlots with having-lived having-eaten that-wasted the-son-to
 āylyā barōbar tyā chyā khātīr tū mothā jevan dilōs' Tedvã te-nā te-lā
 coming with him-of sake-for thee-by a-great dinner is-given' Then him-by him-to
 sānglān, 'tū kedvā-bī mājyā-lāgat āsas, māje-lāggī kāy āse tā tudzā-ts
 it-was-said, 'thou at-all-times my-near art, me-with what is that thine only
 Āmī khusālī kerū-tsā ānī khusīn ravū-tsā tsokōt āse Kityā-lā bollyār, hō
 By-us merriment to-be-made and gladly to-live good is For-what if-you-say, this
 tudzō bhāvūs mello hōto, jivān āylo, tō nāī-dzailo, ātā gāv'lo
 thy brother dead was, alive came, he was-lost, now is-found'

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KŌNKANĪ (DĀLDĪ BROKEN) DIALECT

(STATE JANJIRA)

SPECIMEN II.

A FOLK-TALE.

एक फकीर-साईं होते । त्याचे चार सोकरे होते । त्याची बायको आपल्या घोवाला बोलते, तुमी घरांत बैसून हेल्ह्यांव धंदो रोजगार नाय । तवां ही लेकरा खातील पितील काय । तवां तो बायकोला बोलते, विवी आजचेदीस सवुर करा आनि सवा चार रोटी मला भुजून द्या, म्हनजे मी धंद्याला जान । आता बायकोनी सुबोची आपल्या घोवाला चार रोटी भुजून दिलान । त्यो रोख्यो तो घो घेउन जंगलच्या तरफ रवाना भैलो । तो मुव्या कोकस्थानांत गेलो । त्याला दिसा बारा वाजल्याच्या घुमाराला एक बाव नजर पडली । त्या बावी-वर बैठून सोवनच्यो चार रोख्यो सोडून बावीच्या चार कोना-वर ठेवलान, आनि बोलवे लागलो, एककूँ खाँव की दोकु खाँव । आवच्यांत त्या बावितला शेखनागाची धू होती । तवां बापानी धुवेला बोलवे लागलो की, बावी-वर एक फकीर भुका येउन बैठलेलो हाय, त्याला काई खावेला दे । धू बोलव्या लागली आपल्या जवळ खावेला देवेला काय नाय । तवां बाप बोललो, आपली हाडी हाय, ती वरती घेउन जा, आनि त्या हांडीच्या खलती लुवान जाल, म्हनजे त्या हांडीत काय तरी शिजून तयार होईल । ताँ त्याला खावे देस । त्या-परमान धू वरती येउन बापानी सांगितल्या परमान करून फकिराला खाव्या घातलान, आनि ती हांडी बी फकिराच्या हवार्ली केलान । फकिराने ती हांडी घेउन थनशी चालतो भैलो । तो वाट चालता चालता एका खापरी चोराच्या गावात गेलो । रात भैली होती, आनि त्या गावाचे सगळे लोक चोरीला गेले होते । म्हगून एकाच्या ओटी-वर त्यान आपला विस्तार लावलान । चोराची बायको घरात होती । त्या बायकोनी त्या फकिराच्या सोवनची हांडी बगलान । तिच्या दिलाला लागलों की, ही हांडी मुटी गुनवान हाय । आवच्यात तिचो घो चोरी करून गेलो । ती आपल्या घोवाला सांगते, ह्या फकिरा जवळ एक हाडी हाय, ती मोटी

गुनवान हाय । म्हनून फकीर निजल्या-वर आपल्या घरानची एक हांडी न्हा आनि फकिराची हांडी हाय ती आपल्या घरातला हना । त्या परमाने-तेच्या घोवान केलेान । वायकोनी ती हांडी चुली-वर ठेविल्या बरोबर त्यात आखनो विरियानी शिजली । ती दोघा घो वायलानी बैठून खाल्ये । तिन-वरती वायको आपल्या घोवाला बोलव्या लागली, तुमला आतां चोरी करव्या जान्याची काय जरूर नाय । आपल्याला आतां पोट भर खाव्याला मिळाय ॥

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MARATHI

KONKANI (DĀLDĪ BROKEN) DIALECT.

(STATE JANJIRA)

SPECIMEN II.

A FOLK-TALE.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ēk phakīr-sāi hōtē Tvā-chē chār sōk'rō hōtē Tyī-chī bāy'kō āp'lyā ghōvā-lā
 One faqīr was Him-of four sons were His wife her husband-to
 bōl'tē, 'tūmī gharānt bāsūn rhēlyāv, dhandō rūdz'gār nāy
 says, 'you in-the-house having-sat have-remained, occupation employment is-not
 Tavā hī lēk'rā khētil pītil kāy?' 'Tavā tō bāy'kō-lā bōl'tē, 'bībī
 Then these children shall-eat shall-drink what?' Then he wife-to says, 'wife
 ādz-ohē dis sabur karā, ānī sabā chāi rōtī mā-lā bhudzūn dyā,
 to-day-of day patience make, and to-morrow four cakes me-to having-baked give,
 mhan'jē mī dhandyā-lā dzān' Ītā bāy'kō-nī subō-chī āp'lā
 then I work-on shall-go' Now the-wife-by early-morning-of her-own
 ghōvā-lā chār rōtī bhudzūn dūlān 'Tyō rōtyō tō ghō
 husband-to four cakes having-baked were-given Those cakes that husband
 ghēūn dzangal-chyā taraph ravānā-dzhaulō Tō mutyā kōkashthānānt
 having-taken a-jungle-of in-the-direction started-off He great in-a-forest
 gēlō Tyā-lā disā bārā vadz'nyā-chyā shumārā-lā ēk bāv nadz'ra pad'li
 went Him-to by-day twelve striking-of about-at one well in-sight fell
 Tyā bāvī-var baithūn sōban-chyō chār rōtyō sōdūn bāvī-chyā chār
 That well-on having-sat accompanying four cakes having-taken-out the-well-of four
 kōnā-vai thēv'lān, ānī bōl'vē lāg'lō, 'ēk-kū khāy kī dō-ku khāy'
 corners-on were-put, and to-speak he-began, 'one-to I-should-eat or two-to I-should-eat'
 Āv'ryānt tyā bāvīnt'lā sēkh-nāgā-chī dhū hōtī 'Tavā
 In-the-meanwhile that well-in-from a-cobra-snake-of daughter there-was Then
 bāpā-nī dhuvē-lā bōl'vē lāg'lō kī, 'bāvī-vai ēk phakīr bhukā
 the-father-by the-daughter-to to-speak was-begun that, 'the-well-upon one dervish hungry
 yēūn bēth'lēlō hāy, tyā-lā kī khāvē-lā dyē' Dhū bōl'vyā
 having-come sat is, him-to something to-eat give' The-daughter to-speak
 lāg'li, 'āp'lyā-dzaval khāvē-lā dēvē-lā kāy nāy' Tavā bāp bōl'lō,
 began, 'of-us-near to-eat to-give anything is-not' Then the-father said,

'āp'li hāndī hāy, ti var ti ghēūn dzā, ānī tyā hāndī-ohyā khal'ti lubān
'our-own pot is, that up having-taken go, and that pot-of under incense
 dzīl, mhan'jē tyī hāndit kāy tarī sīdzūn tayā hōil Tā tyā-lā
burn, then that in-pot something at-least having-cooked ready will-be That him-to
 khāvō dēs' Tyī-par'mān dhū var'ti yēūn bāpā-nē
to-eat give' That-according-to the-daughter up having-come the-father-by
 sāngit'ly ī-par'mān karūn phakirā-lā khāv'yā ghīt'lān, ānī ti hāndī bi
told-away-in having-done the-faqr-to to-eat it-was-put, and that pot also
 phakirā-ohyī hav'it' kēlān Phakirā-nō ti hāndī ghōūn than-śi
the-faqr-of in-charge was-made The-faqr-by that pot having-taken there-from
 tsīl'tō-dzhalō Tō vit tsīl'ti tsīl'ti ēkī khāp'ri-tsōri-ohyā gīvāt gēlō
went-away He the way walking walking one house-breaker-of in-village went.
 Rāt dzhalī-hōti, ānī tyā gīvī chō sag'lō lōk tsōri-lā gēlō hōtō Mhagūn
Night become-had, and that village-of all people theft-for gone were Therefore
 ēkā-ohyī ōti-var tyī-na āp'li bistir lāv'lān Tsōlā-ohi bāy'kō
one-of remained-on him-by his bedding was-kept The thief-of the-wife
 gharit hotī Tyī bīy'ko-nī tyī phakirī-ohyā sōban-ohi hāndī bag'lān
in-the-house was That wife-by that faqr-of with-of the-pot was-seen.
 Ti-ohyī dilā-lā lig'lā kī, hī hāndī muṭi gun'vān hāy.
Her mind-to it-occurred that, this pot great possessing-merit is
 Āv'ryāt ti-tsō ghō tsōri karūn aulō Tī āp'lyā ghōvā-lā
In-the-meanwhile her husband theft having-made came She her-own husband-to
 sāngit', 'hī phakirī-dzaval ēk hāndī hāy, ti mōṭi gun'vān hāy.
tells, 'this faqr-near one pot is, that great possessing-merit is
 Mhanūn phakir mḍ'lyi-var āp'lyā gharān-ohi ēk hāndī nhyā ānī
Therefore the-faqr having-slept-after our-own in-house-of one pot you-take and
 phakirī-ohi hāndī hīy, ti ip'lyā gharat-lā hanā' Tyū-par'mānē tē-ohyā
the-faqr-of the-pot is, that our-own in-the-house-to you-bring' That-like her
 ghōv'in kēlān Bāy'kō-nī ti hāndī tsulī-var thōvilyā-barōbar
husband-by it was-done The-wife-by that pot the-health-on was-kept-immediately-after
 tvāt ākhanī-biriyānī sīdz'li Tī dōghā ghō-bāy'lā-nī baithūn
in-that best-dishes were cooked That both the-husband-and-wife-by having-sat
 khālyō Tin-var'ti bāy'kō āp'lyā ghōvā-lā bōl'vyā lāg'li, 'tum-lā ātā
was-eaten That-on the-wife her-own husband-to to-speak began, 'you to now
 tsōri kar'vyā dzānyā-ohi kāy dzarūr nāy Āp'lyā-lā ātā pōt-bhar khāv'yā-lā
theft to-make going-of any necessity is-not Us to, now belly-full eat-to
 millay'
is-got'

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

Once upon a time there was a Musalmān mendicant. He had four sons. His wife said to him, 'you are sitting idle at home and do no work. What shall these children eat?' He then said to her, 'wife, wait for to-day and give me four roast cakes to-morrow morning, so that I may go in search of some employment.' Accordingly the wife gave her husband four roast cakes early the next morning, and the husband took them and set out in the direction of a forest. After having entered a thick jungle, at about noon he chanced to see a well. He sat down by the side of the well, and taking out his four cakes placed them at its four corners, one at each, and said, 'shall I eat one or two?' At that moment a serpent in the well said to his daughter, 'daughter, there is a hungry faqīr sitting by the side of the well. Give him something to eat.' The daughter replied that there was nothing in the house which she could offer him to eat. Thereupon the father said, 'take this our cooking pot up there and burn some incense underneath it. Something will then be cooked in the pot which you should offer him to eat.' The daughter accordingly ascended and did as her father had ordered. She put the food before the faqīr, and also presented him with the pot. The faqīr walked away from the place with the pot. While journeying he happened to come to a village inhabited by thieves. It was night and all the thieves of the village had gone out on business, and therefore the faqīr made his lodging in the veranda of one of their houses. The wife of the thief, who was at home, perceived the faqīr's pot, and it struck her that it must possess some special merit. In the meanwhile her husband came home from his thieving excursion. The wife said to her husband, 'this faqīr has a pot which is endowed with some special merit. When therefore the faqīr goes to bed, take one pot from our house and exchange it for the one which he possesses.' Her husband acted upon her instructions. The wife then placed the pot on the fire and in a moment she saw elaborate dishes cooked up in it, to which the husband and wife helped themselves. Then the wife said to her husband, 'there is no more need for going a-thieving, we have now enough to live upon.'

CHITPĀVANĪ.

The Chitpāvans or Konkanasths are the chief Konkan Brāhmins. Their headquarters are Parshuram Hill, near Chiplun, in Ratnagiri. They are found all over Ratnagiri, in Bombay Town and Island, and in Sawantwadi. In the latter district they are chiefly found in the towns of Vadi, Kudal, and Banda, in some villages near the Sahyadris, and in the Ajgaon sub-division, but are not numerous. Estimates of the number of speakers of the Chitpāvanī dialect are only available for Bombay and Ratnagiri. They are as follows —

Bombay Town and Island	4,000
Ratnagiri	85,000
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Total	89,000
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The Chitpāvans understand and speak Standard Marāṭhī, which language they use in their dealings with outsiders, only introducing a more marked pronunciation of the

nasal sound Then home tongue is, however, closely related to Kōnkaṇī, and forms a connecting link between that form of speech and the dialects of the Central Konkan.

Ā is used for *ē* in the same cases as in Kudāḷi, thus, *duk^rā*, swine, *dzā madzhā sē tã sag^rlā tudzhā sē*, what mine is that all thine is.

Ē and *ō* are apparently always long. Thus, *ghōdē*, horses.

The inflection of **Nouns** in many points agrees with Standard Marāṭhī The oblique form of strong feminine bases ends in *i*, thus, *mul^gi-tā*, of a daughter The dative ends in *lā*, thus, *mān^sā-lā*, to a man, etc

Pronouns.—*Mē*, I, by me, *mā-lā*, to me, *tēṇin*, by him, *kṛā*, what? Other forms mainly agree with Kōnkaṇī

Verbs—The verb substantive is *sa-nā*, to be Present tense, *sō*, I am, *sas*, thou art, *sē*, he is, *sō*, we are, *sā*, you are, *sat*, they are The regular present *mē satā* seems to be used as a habitual present, 'I usually am', thus, *tũ mājhē-dzaval rōdz satas*, thou art always with me The past tense is regularly formed, thus, *tũ salōs*, thou wast

The finite verb forms its present from the participle in *tsō*, thus, *mē mār^rtsā*, I strike This participle has no longer a passive meaning The future participle passive ends in *vā*, corresponding to Standard Marāṭhī *vē*, thus, *mē mār^rvā*, by-me a-striking-should be done, I should strike

The past tense of intransitive verbs agrees with Kōnkaṇī in the singular and with Standard Marāṭhī in the plural. The second person singular, however, ends in *s* and not in *y* as in Kōnkaṇī, thus, *gēlō*, I went, *gēlōs*, thou wentest, *gēlō*, he went, plural, *gēlō*, *gēlā*, *gēlē*

The past tense of transitive verbs ends in *s* in the second person singular, in *n* in the third person singular, and in *t* in the second person plural Thus, *tũ mā-lā bak^rō dīlōs*, by-thee me-to a-goat was given, *bāpān mṣhī mār^rlīn āṇi tē-tsō mukō ghētlōn*, the-father-by embracing was-struck and his kiss was-taken, the father embraced him and kissed him

The past tense is sometimes formed without the suffix *lō*, thus, *mē tē-chē mul^gē-lā pushkal tsābūh māy^rrē*, I have beaten his son with many stripes

The perfect, future, and habitual past are formed as in Standard Marāṭhī Thus, *mē pātak kēlā sē*, by-me sin made is, I have sinned, *mē mhanēn*, I will say, *dzāy-nā*, he would not go, *khāy^t*, they usually ate

The imperative of *dē-nā*, to give, is *dē* or *dēs* Other imperatives are regular, thus, *ghē*, take, *yā*, go ye

The verbal noun in *nā*, corresponding to Standard Marāṭhī *nē*, is common, thus, *mār^rnā*, to strike, *khānā*, to eat The usual oblique base of the verbal noun ends in *vē*, corresponding to Standard Marāṭhī *vyā*, thus, *ghēvē-chī yōgyatā*, fitness to take

The conjunctive participle ends in *unī* or *nī*, thus, *mār^runī* and *mār^rnī*, having struck, *dzā^rnī*, having gone

The vocabulary differs to some extent from that of Standard Marāṭhī. Thus, we find *bōdyō*, a son, *chēd*, a daughter, *tsōkhōf*, good, *tēd^rlā*, then, *kṛā*, what? etc A short list of such words has been printed in the *Gazetteer of the Bombay Presidency*, Vol X, Bombay 1880, pp 111 and f.

It is hoped that the preceding remarks are sufficient to remove every difficulty in reading the version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Chitpāvani which follows. A list of Standard Words and Phrases will be found below on pp 394 and ff

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

CHITPĀVANĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT RAJNAGIRI)

एका माणसाला दोन वोड्यो सले। ते-पैकीं धाकटो आपले वापाला म्हणालो वावा, जो जिनग्याचो वांटो माला येचे तो दे। मग तेणीन तेला आपली जिनगी वांटून दिलीन। मग थोडे दिवसान धाकटो मुलगो सगळी जिनगी गोला-करनी दूर देशांत गेलो आणि त्याहॉ उधळेपणान वागुनी आपली जिनगी उडयलीन। मग तेणीन सगळ्ळां खर्चुनी टाकले-वर ते देशांत मोठो दुकळ पडलो। ते-मुळ्ळां तेला गरज लागूं लागली। तेडला ते देशांतले एका गृहस्था-जवळ जावनी रेहिलो। तेणीन तेला आपले शेतात डुकरां चारवेला धाडलीन। तेडला डुकरां जीं सालां खातसत ते-वर तेणीन आपलें पोटां आनदान भरलान असतान। पण कोणी सुद्धां तेला काँहीं दिलान नाहीं। मग जेडला तो शुद्धी-वर आलो तेडला तो म्हणालो माझे वापाचे कितीतरी चाकरानला खावनी पुरे इतकी भाकरी से, आणि मे भुकान उपाशीं मरचां। मे उठुनी वावा-हारीं जावनी तेला म्हणेन, वावा मे देवाचे घरा तुम्हे देखत अन्याय केलोसे। आणि हेचे उपर मे तुम्हो मुलगो म्हणुनी घेवेल योग्य नाहीं। माला आपले एका पायकाळ्या प्रमाण ठेय। मग तो उठुनी आपले वापा-हारीं आलो। पण तो लांब सतांच तेचे वापान तेला वधितलान आणि तेला दया आली आणि धाँवनी तेचे गळेल मिठी मारलीन आणि तेचो मुको घेतलीन। मुलगो तेला म्हणालो, वावा, मे देवाचे घरा व तुम्हे डोळ्ळां देखत पातक केलां से व मे हेचे उपर तुम्हो मुलगो म्हणवेल योग्य नाहीं। पण बापूश चाकरानला म्हणालो चागलो आगरखो सेल तो आणणी हेचे आंगांत घाला, तेचे हातांत आंगठी व पायात जोडा घाला। मग आम्ही जेवनी-खावनी गोड करूया। कारण हो माझो मुलगो मेलो सलो तो फिरुनी जिवंत से, तो साडलो सलो तो साँपडलो से। असां म्हणणी ते आनद करूं लागले ॥

ते वेळा तेचो वडील मुलगो शेतात सलो। तो जेडला येवनी घरा जवळ पोचलो तेडला तेणीन गाणा व नाचणा आयक्येलान। आणि तेणीन आपले चाकरां

पैकीं एकाला हाक मरलीन व विचारलान हें कितां चाललों से । तेडला तो तेला म्हणालो । तुम्हो भाऊश आलो से व तुम्हो वापसान मेजवानी केलीन से । कारण तेला तो सुखरूप मिळालो से । तेडला तो रागावनी आंत जायना । म्हणणी तेचो वापूश वाहेर येवनी तेची विनवणी करूँ लागलो । पण तेणीन आपले वापसाला उत्तर दिलान कीं, वघ आज इतकी वर्षीं मे तुम्ही चाकरी करचाँ व कडूही तुम्ही आज्ञा मोडली नाही । तरी मे माझे मित्राँ बरोबर आनंदान वागवाँ असे हेतून एकादाँ करडूँ देखील तू माला दिलाँस नाही । पण जेणीन तुम्हो पैसो राडाँचे संगतीन खावनी फडशो पाडलोन से तो हो तुम्हो बोड्यो आलो तोंच तू तेचेसाठी एक मेजवानी दिलीस । तेचे-वर तो तेला म्हणालो मुलगा तू माझे जवळ रोज सचस व माझे जवळ जाँ काँही से ताँ सगळ्ळाँ तुम्हाँ से । आपलेनला हर्ष व आनंद करवो हें चांगलाँ सलाँ । कारण हो तुम्हो भाऊश मेलो सलो तो फिसनी जगलो से व साडलो सलो तो साँपडलो से ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

CHITPĀVANĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT RATNAGIRI)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēkā māp'sā-lā dōn bōdyē salē. Tē-paikī dhāk'tō āp'lē bāpā-lā
A-certain man to two sons were. Them-from-among the-younger his-own father-to
 mhanālō, 'bābā, dzō jun'gyā-tsō vāntō mā-lā yēohē tō dē' Mag tē-nin
said, 'father, what the-estate-of share me-to comes that give' Then him-by
 tē-lā āp'li jun'gi vāntūn dūlin. Mag thōdē div'sān dhāk'tō
him-to his-own estate having-divided was-given Then few days-in the-younger
 mul'gō sag'li jun'gi gōlā-kar'ni dūr dēsānt gēlō, āni tyāhā
son all estate together-having made distant into-a-country went, and there
 udh'lēpanān vāgunī āp'li jun'gi uday'lin Mag tē-nin
prodigal manner-by having behaved his-own estate was-squandered Then him-by
 sag'li khartsunī-tāk'lē-var tē dēsānt mōthō duka pad'lō
all having squandered-away-after that into-country great famine fell
 Tē-mulā tē-lā garadz lāg'li Tēd'lā tē dēsānt'lē ēkā grīhasthā-
That-owing-to him-to want to-fall began. Then that country-in-of one householder-
 dzava dzāv'ni iēhēlō Tē-nin tē-lā āp'lē sētānt duk'rā tsār'vē-lā
near having-gone he-lived Him-by him-as-for his-own in-the-field swine to-feed
 dhād'lōn Tēd'lā duk'rā jī sālā khāt sat tē-var tē-nin āp'lā pōt
he-was-sent Then swine what husks eating were that-upon him-by his-own belly
 ānandān bhar'lān as'tān Pan kōnī-suddhā tē-lā kāhī
gladness-with filled would-have-been - But (by-)anybody-even him-to anything
 dūlān nāhī. Mag jēd'lā tō suddhī var ālō tēd'lā tō mhanālō, 'mājhē bāpā-chē
was-given not Then when he senses-on came then he said, 'my father-of
 hīti-tarī tsāk'iān-lā khāv'ni purē it'ki bhāk'rī sē, āni mē bhukān
how-many servants-to having-eaten enough so-much bread is, and I hunger-by
 upāśī mar'tsā Mē uthunī bābā-hārī dzāv'ni tē-lā mhanēn,
of-starvation am-dying I having-arisen father-to having-gone him-to will-say,
 "bābā, mē Dēvā-chē gharā tujhē dēkhat anyāy kēlō-sē Āni hē-chē-upai
"father, by-me God-of at-house thy in-sight fault committed-is And this of-after
 mē tudzhō mul'gō mhanunī ghēvē-lā yōgya nāhī Mā-lā āp'lē ēkā
I thy son having-said to-take fit am-not Me-to thy-own one
 pā'y-kālyā-pramān thēy'' Mag tō uthunī āp'lē bāpā-hārī ālō Paṇ tō
servant-like keep'' Then he having-arisen his-own father-to came But he

lāmb satṣ-ts tē chē bāpān tē-lā baghit'lān āni tē-lā dayā āli,
distant being-just his father-by him-to it-was-seen and him-to compassion came,
 āni dhāv'nī tē-chē galē-lā mīthī mār'lin, āni tē-tsō mukō ghēt'lōn Mul'gō
and having-run his neck-to embracing was-struck, and his kiss was-taken The son
 tē-lā mhaṇālō, 'bābā, mē Dēvā-chē gharā va tujhē dōlā-dēkhat pātak kēlā sē
him-to said, 'father, by-me God-of at-house and thy in-eye-sight sin made is
 Va mē hē-chē-upai tudzhō mul'gō mhan'vē-lā yōgva nāhī' Pan bāpūs tsāk'rān-lā
And I this-of-after thy son to-be-called fit am-not' But the-father the-servants-to
 mhaṇālō, 'tsāng'lō āngar'khō sēl tō ān'ni hē-chē āngant ghālā,
said, 'good a-coat will-be that having-brought his in-body put,
 tē chē hātānt āng'thī va pāyānt dzōdā ghālā Mag āmhī jēv'nī-khāv'nī
his in-hand a-ring and in-feet shoes put Then we having-dined-having-eaten
 gōd karū-yā Kāraṇ hō mādzhō mul'gō mēlo salō, tō phuunī jivant
merriment will-make Because this my son dead was, he again alive
 sē, tō sād'lō salō, tō sāpad'lō sē' Asā mhaṇ'ni tē ānand karū lāg'lē
is, he lost was, he found is' So having-said they joy to-make began

Tē vēlā tē-tsō vadil mul'gō śētānt salō 'lō jēd'lā vēv'nī ghaīā
That time-at his eldest son in-the-field was He when having-come the-house
 dzava! pōts'lō, tēd'lā tēnin gānā va nāts'nā āy'kyelān Āni tēnin āp'lē
near arrived, then him-by singing and dancing was-heard And him-by his-own
 tsāk'rā-paikī ēkā-lā hāk mār'lin va vichār'lān, 'hē lītā tsāl'lā sē?'
servants-from-among one-to call was-struck and it-was-asked 'this what going-on is?'
 Tēd'lā tō tē-lā mhaṇālō, 'tudzhō bhāūs ālō sē, va tujhē bāp'sān mēj'vānī
Then he him-to said, 'thy brother come-is, and thy father-by a-feast
 kēlin sē, kāran tē-lā tō sukh'rūp mīālō sē' Tēd'lā tō rāgāv'nī ānt
made is, because him-to he safe got is' Then he being-angry in
 dzāy'nā Mhan'ni tē-tsō bāpūs bāhēr yēv'nī tē-chī vinav'nī karū lāg'lō
would-not-go Therefore his father out having-come his entreaty to-make began
 Pan tēnin āp'lē bāp'sā-lā uttar dilān kī, 'bagh, ādz it'kē varshā mē
But him-by his-own father-to reply was-given that, 'look, to-day so-many years I
 tujhī tsāk'i kar'tsā va kai-hi tujhī ādnyā mōd'li nāhī Tarī mē mājhē
thy service do and ever thy command was-broken not Yet by-me my
 mitrā-barōbar ānandān vāg'vā asē hētūn ēkādā kar'dū
friends-with gladness-with it-should-be-behaved such object-with one had
 dēkhil tū mā-lā dilās nāhī Pan jēnin tudzhō pausō rāndā-chē
even by-thee me-to was-given not But whom-by thy money harlots-of
 sang'tin khāv'nī phad'sō-pād'lōn sē tō hō tudzhō hōdyō ālō to-ts
in-company having-eaten squandered-away is that this thy son came just-then
 tū tē-chēsāthī ēk mēj'vānī dilis' Tē-chē-vai tō tē-lā mhaṇālō, 'mul'gyā
by-thee him-of-for one feast was-given' There-upon he him-to said, 'son
 tū mājhē-dzava! rōdz satgas, va mājhē-dzava! dzā-kāhī sē tū sag'lā tudzhā sē
thou of-me-near always art-usually, and of-me near whatever is that all thine is

Āp'lēn-lā harsha va ānand kar'vō hē tsāng-lā salā Kāran hō tudzhō
Us to delight and joy should-be-made this good was Because this thy
 bhāūs mēlō salō, tō phirunī dzag'lō sē, va sānd'lō salō, tō sāpad'lō sē.
brother dead was, he again alive is, and lost was, he found is'

MARĀTHĪ IN BERAR AND THE CENTRAL PROVINCES

Marāthī is the principal language of Berar and of the southern part of the Central Provinces. It has already been mentioned that the usual Dekhan form of the language is current in the western part of Buldana, and in some districts to the north of the Satpuras, which formerly belonged to the dominions of the Peshwas. The dialect spoken over the greater part of Berar and in the south of the Central Provinces is, however, slightly different. The limits within which it is spoken may be broadly defined as follows:

Beginning from the west this dialect covers the eastern part of Buldana, leaving the western border to Standard Marāthī. The frontier line thence goes northwards so far as the river Tapti, and then turns eastwards, including Ellchpur and the southern parts of Betul, Ohhindwara, and Seoni, with speakers all over the southern part of Balaghat. Thence the line turns southwards, including Bhandara and the north-western portion of Chanda, whence it turns back to Buldana including the greater part of Wun and Basim. The dialect is further spoken by scattered settlers in Raipur, Bilaspur, Nandgaon, Kawardha, and Bombay Town and Island.

The Marāthī of Berar is usually spoken of as Varhādī or Bērārī, and Nāgpuri is the traditional name of the dialect spoken in the Central Provinces. Both names have been retained, in deference to the traditional usage, though they in reality connote the same form of speech. Several smaller dialects of Marāthī have been returned from the districts under consideration. They will all be mentioned in the ensuing pages, and they will be shown to be simply local forms of the current Marāthī of Berar and the Central Provinces.

The so-called Varhādī, the Marāthī of Berar, has been returned from the following districts—

A Spoken at home in—

Amraoti	541,623
Alola	465,600
Ellchpur	210,600
Buldana	140,500
Wun	311,500
Basim	331,650
TOTAL	<u>2,001,473</u>

B Spoken abroad in—

Betul	75,000
Ohanda	4,550
Bombay Town and Island	3,000
TOTAL	<u>82,550</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>2,084,023</u>

The so-called Nāgpurī has been returned from the following districts —

A Spoken at home in—

Seoni	.	.	.	.	.	19,000
Chhindwara	.	.	.	.	.	54,950
Wardha	.	.	.	.	.	316,000
Nagpur	.	.	.	.	.	540,050
Chanda	.	.	.	.	.	285,000
Bhandara	.	.	.	.	.	190,675
Balaghat	.	.	.	.	.	98,700
Raipur	.	.	.	.	.	9,600
TOTAL						1,813,975

B Spoken abroad in—

Bilaspur	.	3,500
Nandgaon	.	1,000
Kawardha	.	1,000
Akola	.	1,000
TOTAL		9,500
GRAND TOTAL		1,823,475

It has been stated above that several minor dialects which were originally returned from Berar and the Central Provinces have proved to be local forms of the current Marāṭhī of the said districts. They are the following —

Name of dialect	Where spoken	Number of speakers
Dhan'garī	Chhindwara	1,800
Dzharpi	Ellichpur	5,000
Gōvārī	Chhindwara	2,000
"	Chanda	500
"	Bhandara	150
Kōshṭī	Akola	300
"	Ellichpur	500
"	Buldana	2,100
Kumbhārī	Akola	4,500
"	Chhindwara	?
Kunbāu	Chanda	110,150
Māhārī	Chhindwara	9,000
"	Chanda	10,000
Marbēṭī	Balaghat	?
Natakūnī	Chanda	150
TOTAL		146,180

bhukē-na, with hunger, *asal*, I shall be In some rustic dialects this short final *a* is occasionally dropped altogether, thus, *tyān*, by him, in the so-called Dhan'garī and Gōvārī of Chhindwara

I is often interchanged with *ē* and *ya*, thus, *dila*, *dēlla*, and *dyalla*, given. The *ē* in such words is probably short Compare *il*, *yēl*, and *vēl*, time

An initial *ē* is commonly pronounced as a *yē*, as is also the case in the Konkan, thus, *ēh* and *yēh*, one

The Anunāsika is very commonly dropped, or, occasionally, replaced by an *n*, thus, *karu*, to do, *tyā-mulē*, therefore, *dēvā-śin*, to God, *tun*, thou The same is, however, also the case in the Dekhan and in the Konkan

The cerebral *ḍ*, when preceded by a vowel, is pronounced as an *ṛ* in the so-called Māhārī of Chhindwara The same is probably also the case in the rustic dialects in other districts This conclusion is forced upon us by the fact that *ḍ* in such positions is very commonly confounded with *l* Thus, in the so-called Dzhārpī and Kōshtī of Elhohpur we find forms such as *ghōlā*, a horse, and in the dialect of the Kun'bis of Akola *ḍ* is substituted for *l* in words such as *ḍzavad*, near The cerebral *l*, which is always distinguished from the corresponding dental sound, is commonly pronounced as a very soft *r*, and even as a *y*, in which case it is sometimes almost inaudible Thus, *mālī*, *mā'ī*, *māyī* and *mā'ī*, a gardener All these facts can only be explained on the assumption that the cerebral *l* has a sound which is very near to that of a cerebral *r*, and that the cerebral *ḍ* after vowels assumes the same sound

The cerebral *n* is always changed to *ṇ*, though *n* is often retained in writing, thus, *kōn*, who, *pānī*, water It has sometimes been stated that quite the opposite change takes place in Nagpur, every dental *n* being pronounced as an *n* There are, however, no traces of any such peculiarity in the specimens received from the districts

L and *n* are continually interchanged in the future tense, thus, *mī mā'ṇ* and *mā'il*, I shall strike, *tō mā'ṇ* and *mā'al*, he will strike

V is very indistinctly sounded before *i*, *ī*, and *ē*, and it is often dropped altogether Thus, *istō*, fire, *is*, twenty, *yēl*, time This fact accounts for occasional spellings such as *Vīśvan*, God

Vh occasionally becomes *bh*, thus, *naḥhatē* and *navhatē*, it was not

Nouns—The substitution of *a* for *ē* in neuter bases, together with the tendency to shorten long final vowels, has caused the distinction between the masculine and neuter genders to be weakened Thus, the word *pōr'ga*, a child, is constantly used in the sense of 'son' *Mān'sa*, men, which is a neuter plural, is frequently combined with an adjective in the masculine gender, thus, *tsāng'lē mān'sa*, good men, and so on In the dialect of the Kun'bis of Akola and Chanda, of the Gōvārs of Chanda and Bhandara, in the Marhēti of Balaghat, the Marāthī dialect of Raipur, and so on, the masculine and neuter genders are constantly confounded

The neuter gender is thoroughly preserved only in Marāthī and Gujarātī, and it will therefore be seen that the dialect of Berar and the Central Provinces in this respect forms a link between those languages and the related forms of speech to the north and east

The plural is formed as in Standard Marāthī In the oblique form plural, however, *hi* or *ī* is often added, thus, *bāpāhis*, to fathers, *mān'sāi-lē*, to men

The case suffixes are the same as in the Dekhan The dative, however, is formed by adding *lē* and not *lān* in most of the rustic dialects such as the Kun'bi of Akola and

Buldana, the Kumbhāri of Akola and Ohhindwara, the Dhan'garī and Gōvārī of Ohhindwara and Chanda, and so on. Thus, *bāpā-lē*, to the father

Pronouns—The case of the agent of the personal pronoun of the second person is *tyā*, by thee, 'my' is *māhā*, and 'thy' is *tuḥā*. The usual Dekhan forms, however, also occur, thus, *tuṽā* and *tvā*, by thee, *māḍzha nāv*, my name. 'To me' is *maḍz*, *maḍz-lē*, and *ma-lē*.

The demonstrative pronoun *tō*, that, is, in most respects, inflected as in the Dekhan. The usual form of the nominative singular feminine is, however, *tē* as in Old Marāṭhī.

Kāy, what? has an ablative *lāvhun* or *kāhun*, why? *Kāmhun*, why? is a compound meaning 'what having said?'

Verbs—There is only one conjugation, thus, *mī mar'tō*, I die, *mī mār'tō*, I strike, *mī mhanīn*, I shall say, *mī karīn*, I shall do, *mī asal*, or *asīn*, I shall be, and so on.

The second person singular has usually the same form as the third person, thus, *tū āhē*, thou art, *tū gēlā*, thou wentest. Similarly the second person plural of the past tense coincides with the third person, thus, *tumhī gēlē*, you went, *tē gēlē*, they went. The ordinary Dekhan forms are, however, also used, thus, *tū āhēs*, thou art.

The verb substantive is, with the above exceptions, regular. In the first person singular of the present tense, however, we find *mī āhō* and *mī āhē*, I am. From the root *hō* is formed *mī vhay*, I am, etc. In the past tense *vha* is interchangeable with *hō*, thus, *tū hōtū* or *vhatā*, thou wast.

The present tense of finite verbs is often formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *mī kar'tō*, I do, *tū kar'tō(s)*, thou dost, *tē kar'tāt*, they do. Frequently, however, the second and third persons singular and the third person plural are formed in the same way as in the verb substantive, in which case the verb does not change for gender, thus, *tu rāh'tē(s)*, thou livest, *tō yētē*, he comes, *tō kar'tyē*, he does, *tē ḍzātēt*, they go. In Berar *a* is substituted for *ē* in the terminations of the second person singular and the third person plural, thus, *tū mār'ta*, thou strikest, *tē mār'tat*, they strike.

In the imperative we may note forms such as *ḍzāy*, go, *khāy*, eat (Berar), *pāhya*, see.

The habitual past is often used as an ordinary past. Thus, *tō mhanē*, he said. The first person singular ends in *ō* in the only instance which occurs in the materials available, thus, *mī mḍzō*, I used to sleep. Note forms such as *tō ḍzāyē-nā*, he would not go, *tō ḍyē-nā*, he would not give.

The past tense is formed as in the Dekhan, thus, *myā mār'ta*, I struck, *tyā mār'ta*, thou struckest. The third person singular of transitive verbs sometimes ends in *an*, thus, *dhād'tan*, sent. Such forms occur in the rustic dialects of Ellichpur, Ohhindwara, and Bhandara. The final *n* in such forms corresponds to *n* in the Konkan, where we find forms such as *sāngit'lān*, it was said. It has perhaps developed from an Anunāsika. In the Central Provinces, however, it can also be due to the influence of Eastern Hindi.

The past tense of transitive verbs is used in the same way as in the Dekhan, the subject being put in the case of the agent, and the verb agreeing with the object in gender and number or being put in the neuter singular. In some rustic dialects in Ohhindwara, Bhandara, and Balaghat, however, the influence of the neighbouring dialects of Eastern Hindi has caused the passive and impersonal constructions to be frequently superseded by the active one, and we find forms such as *mī pāp kēlē*, I sinned.

In the future we must note forms such as *mī asal*, I shall be, *tū mār'sin*, thou wilt strike, *tē mā'tin*, they will strike. The final *l* and *n* are interchangeable in such forms. In the dialect of the Kun'bis of Akola we find a form *tumhī mār'sān*, instead of *mār'āl*, you will strike. Note also forms such as *pāhād'zōs*, thou wilt see, which are properly a future imperative.

The verbal noun is formed as in the Dekhan. Thus, *tsārāyās*, in order to tend, *rākh'nyās*, in order to keep. Besides such forms there are, however, several others. The base alone seems to be used as a verbal noun, with oblique forms ending in *yā*, *ā*, and *āy*. Thus, *tsār'yā-lē*, in order to tend (Akola and Buldana), *tsār'āy-lē*, in order to tend (Akola, Basim, Betul, and Raipur), *kaī-ā-lē*, in order to do (Ellichpur, Chanda, Chhindwara). Similarly we find forms such as *rākhāvā-lē*, corresponding to Standard Marāthī *rākhāv'yā-lā*, in order to tend (Ellichpur, Bhandara, and Balaghat).

In the conjunctive participle *sanyā* is often added, thus, *dhāūn-sanyā*, having run. From *mhan'na*, to say, an abbreviated form is *mhun*, having said, therefore. Forms such as *mhanōn*, having said, which occur in the Nāgpurī specimens from Wardha, are current in old Marāthī and in the Konkan.

The vocabulary contains some words which are not usual in the Dekhan. Thus, *bhē'na* for *mī'na*, to be got, *vāvar*, a field, *pōiyā*, a son, *phōt'ra*, husks, *tangī*, difficulty, *va*, and, and so forth.

On the whole, however, grammar and vocabulary are the same as in the form of Marāthī current in the Dekhan.

The district of Akola is situated in the very centre of Berar. The principal language of the whole district has been returned as Varhādī and closely agrees with the form of Marāthī described in the preceding pages.

There is a slight difference between the so-called Brāhmaṇī, which is spoken by the educated, and the so-called Kun'bi, the language of the bulk of the population. The estimated figures for the two dialects are as follows —

Brāhmaṇī	.	.	18,000
Kun'bi	.	.	443,600
		TOTAL	461,600

The total number of speakers in Akola has been estimated at 465,600, and there remain thus 4,000 regarding whom we are unable to tell to which of the two dialects they belong.

To this total must be added 1,000 individuals who have been returned as speaking Nāgpurī, and the weavers and potters who have been reported to speak separate dialects. See below on pp 291 and ff, 295 and ff.

The two specimens which follow illustrate the so-called Brāhmaṇī dialect. The first is a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the second the deposition of a witness. The only points which need be noted are the use of the dative suffix *lā* and the frequency with which *ya* is substituted for *i* and *ē*, i.e. perhaps *e*. Thus, *mān'sā-lā*, to a man, *rāhya-lā*, he lived, *tyāv'hā*, then.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

VARHADI (BRĀHMANI) DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

SPECIMEN I.

कोना एका मानसाला दोन लेक होते । त्याच्यातला एक लाहान आपल्या वापास म्हनाला, वावा जो जिदगीचा हिस्सा माझ्या वाव्यास येईल तो मला द्या । मग थोडक्या दिवसान लाहान पोरान सगळ जमा करून तो दूर मुलकाला गेला । आनि तेथ उधळेपनान राहून आपला सगळा पैसा खर्च करून टाकला । मग त्यान अवघ खरचल्या-वर त्या मुलकात मोठा काळ पडला (माहागी पडली) व त्याला अडचन पडू लागली । मग तो त्या देशातल्या एका मानसा-जवळ जावून राहिला । त्या-नंतर त्यान त्याला डुकर चारायला आपल्या वावरात धाडला । त्यांका डुकर जे टप्प खात व्हते त्याच्या-वर आपन आपल पोटा भराव अस त्यास वाटू लागला । आनी त्याला कोन काही दख नाहीं । मग तो सुधीत येजन म्हने, माझ्या वापाच्या किती सालदाराइला पोटाभर भाकर भेटते (भेटे), आन मी उपाशी मरतो । मी उठून माझ्या वापा-कडे जाइल आनी त्याहिला म्हनल, वावा म्या देवाच्या कड्या-वाहेर व तुमच्या सामने पाप केले आहे । या-उपर तुमच पोरग म्हनल्यास मला लाज वाटते । तुमच्या एका सालदारा-वानी मज्हा ठेवा । मग तो उठून आपल्या वापा-जवळ गेला । तो दूर आहे इतक्यात त्याला पाहून त्याची त्याच्या वापाला कीव आली, आनी त्यान धावत जाऊन त्याच्या गळ्यात हात घातले व त्याचे मुके घेतले । मग ते पोरग त्याला म्हनू लागला, वावा, देवाच्या कड्या-वाहेर व तुमच्या सामने म्या पाप केले । आनि या-उपर तुमच पोरग म्हनल्याची मला लाज वाटते । पन वापान आपल्या कामदाराइला सांगितल, चागल (चोखोट) पावळून आनून त्याच्या आगा-वर घाला आनी त्याच्या वोटात मुदी व पायात जोडा घाला । मग आपन खाऊन पिऊन चयन करू । का-म्हून म्हनाल तर हा माझ पोरगा मेला व्हता त जिता झाला आन हारपला व्हता त सापडला । त्यांका ते चडून करू लागले ॥

त्या वेळीं त्याचा मोठा मुलगा वावरात व्हता । मग तो घरा-जवळ आल्या-वर त्यान वानंची व नाच ऐकला । त्यांका कामदारातल्या एकाला

वलावून त्यान इचारले (पुसले) हे काय व्हय । त्यान त्याला सांगितल, तुहा भाज आला आहे, आन तो तुच्या वापाला खुशाल भेटला, म्हून त्यान मोठी पंगत केली आहे । त्येन्हा तो राग भरून आत जाये-ना । म्हनून त्याचा वाप वाहेर येउन त्यास समजाज लागला । पन त्यान वापाला म्हटल, पाझ, मी इतकी वर्स तुमची चाकरी करतो, आन तुमची मर्जी म्या कडी-ही वलाडली नाहीं । तरी म्या आपल्या गड्याद्व-वरोवर मजा करावी म्हनून मला कडी शेळीच पिलू-ही देल्ल नाहीं । आनी ज्यान तुमचा पयसा कचनी-वरावर खराव केला तो तुमचा पोरगा आला तेन्हा तुन्ही त्याच्यासाठी मोठी पंगत देल्ली । तेन्हा त्यान त्याला म्हटल, पोरा, तू सगळा ईळ माच्या-जवळ आहे । आनी माही सगळी जिनगी तुहीच आहे । हा तुहा भाज मेला व्हता त जिता भाला आन हारपला व्हता त सापडला । म्हनून आनद व चडून करावी हे वर व्हत ॥

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

VARHĀDĪ (BRĀHMANĪ) DIALECT

MARĀTHI

SOUTHERN GROUP.

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kūnā ēkā mām'sā-lā dōn lēk hōtē Tyā-chyāt'lā ēk lāhān
 Certain one man-to two sons were Them from-among one younger
 āp'lyā bāpās mhanālā, 'bābā, dzō jund'gī-tsā hisā māhyā vātyās
 his-own to-father said, 'father, what property-of share my to-share
 rēil tō ma-lā dyā ' Mag thōd'kyā div'sā-na lāhān pōrā-na
 will-come that me-to give ' Then a-few days-after the-younger son by
 sag'la dzamā karūn tō dūr mul'kā-lā gēlā Ānī tētha
 all together having-made he a-distant country to went And there
 udh'lēp'nā-na rāhūn āp'lā sag'la paisā khartā-karūn tāk'lā
 extravagance-by having lived his-own all money having-spent was-there
 Mag tyā-na av'gha kharats'lyā var tyā mul'kāt mōthā kāl pad'lā
 Then him by whole having-spent-on that in-country mighty famine fell
 (māhāgī pad'li), va tyā-lā' ad'tsan padū lāg'li Mag tō tyā
 (dearness fell), and him-to difficulty to-fall began Then he that
 dēśāt'lyā ēkā mām'sā-dzaval dzāvūn rāhyalā Tyā-nantai tyā-na tyā-lā
 country-in-of one man-near having-gone lived That-after him-by him-to
 dukar tsārāy-lā āp'lyā vāv'rāt dhād'la Tyāv'hā dukaī jē tapra
 some to-feed his-own into-field it-was-sent Then the-some what husks
 khāt vhatē tyā-chyā-var āpan āp'la pōt bharāva asa tyās
 eating were that-of-upon by-himself his-own belly should-be-filled so to-him
 vātū lāg'la Ānī tyā-lā kōna kahī dyalla nāhī Mag tō
 to-appear began And him-to by-anyone anything was-given not Then he
 suddhīt rēūn mhanē, 'māhyā bāpā-chyā kiti sāl'dārār-lā Mī
 into-senses having come said, 'my father-of how-many servants-to I
 pōt-bhar bhākar bhēt'tē(bhēt'tē), ān mī upāsi martō
 belly-full bread is-obtained, and I hungry die
 uthūn māhyā bāpā-kadē dzāl, ānī tyā-hi-lā mhanal, "bābā,
 having-arisen my father-to will-go, and him-to will-say, "father,
 myā Dēvā-chyā kahyā-bāhēr va tum-chyā sām'nē pāp kēla āhē Yā-upar
 by-me God-of order-against and you-of before in made is This-after
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tum-tsa pōi'ga mhan'nyās ma-lā lād̥z vāt'tē Tum-chyā ēkā sāl'dārā-vānī
 you son to-be-called me-to shame seems Your one servant-like
 mallā thēvā " Mag tō uthūn āp'lyā bāpā-dzaval gēlā Tō
 me-to keep " Then he having-arisen his-own father-near went He
 dūr āhē it'kyāt tyā-lā pāhūn -tyā-chī tyā-chyā bāpā-lā kīv
 distant is in-the-meantime him-to having-seen him-of his father-to pity
 ālī, ānī tyā-na dhāvat dzāūn tyā-chyā galyāt hāt ghāt'lē,
 came, and him-by running having-gone him-of on-the-neck hands were-put,
 va tyā-chē mukē ghēt'lē Mag tē pōr'ga tyā-lā mhanū lāg'la, 'bābā,
 and him-of kisses were-taken Then that son him-to to-say began, 'father,
 Dēvā-chyā kahyā-bāhēr va tum-chyā sām'nē myā pāp kēla Ānī
 God's order-against and you-of before by-me sin was-made And
 yā-upar tum-tsa pōr'ga mhan'nyā-chī ma-lā lād̥z vāt'tē' Pan
 this-after you son being-called-of me-to shame appears' But
 bāpā-na āp'lyā kām'dāiāi-lā sāngt'la, 'tsāng'la (tsōkhōt) pāngh'rūn
 the-father-by his-own servants-to it-was-told, 'good (good) cloth
 ānūn tyā-chyā āngā-var ghālī, ānī tyā-chyā hōtāt mudī va
 having-brought him-of body-upon put, and him-of on-finger a-ring and
 pāyāt dzōdā ghālā Mag āpan khāūn piūn chay'n kaiū
 on-feet a-shoe put Then we having-eaten having-drunk merriment shall-make
 "Kā-mhun?" mhanāl tar, hā māhā pōr'gā mēlā vhatā, ta jītā dzhālā,
 "Why?" if-you-say then, this my son dead was, he alive became,
 ān hārap'lā vhatā, ta sāpad'lā' Tyāv'hā tē chain karū lāg'lē
 and lost was, he is-found' Then they merriment to-make began
 Tyā vēlj tyā-tsā mōthā mul'gā var'rāt vhatā Mag tō gharā-dzaval
 That at-time his eldest son in-field was Then he house-near
 ālyā-var tyā-na vād̥zanti va nāts aik'lā Tyāv'hā kām'dārāt'lyā
 having-come-upon him-by music and dance was-heard Then the-servants-in-from
 ēkā-lā balāvūn tyā-na ichār'lē (pus'lē), 'hē kāy vhay?' Tyā-na
 one-to having-called him-by it-was-asked (it-was-asked), 'this what is?' Him-by
 tyā-lā sāngt'la, 'tuhā bhāū ālā āhē, ān tō tuhā bāpā-lā khuśāl
 him-to was-told, 'thy brother come is, and he thy father-to safe-and-sound
 bhēt'lā, mhūn tyā-na mōthī pangat kēlī āhē' Tvāv'hā tō rāg-
 was-met, therefore him-by great a-feast made is' Then he anger-with
 bharūn āt dzāyē-nā Mhanūn tyā-tsā bāp bāhēr vōūn tyās
 having-become-filled in would-not-go Therefore his father out having-come to-him
 sam'dzāū lāg'lā Pan tyā-na bāpā-lā mhat'la, 'pāhya, mī it'kī varsa
 to-entreat began But him-by father-to it-was-said, 'see, I so-many years
 tum-chī tsāk'rī kar'tō, ān tum-chī marjī myā kaddhī-lū valānd'li
 you service am-doing, and you will by-me ever-even was-transgressed
 nāhī Tārī myā āp'lyā gadyār-barōbar majī karāvi mhanūn ma-lā
 not Yet by-me my-own friends-with merrth should-be-made having-said me-to

kadhī śēḷi-tsa pilū hi della nāhī Ānī jyā-na tum-tsā
ever she-goat-of a-young-one-even was-given not And whom-by your
 pay'sā kañch'ni-barābar kharāb kēlā tō tum-tsā pōr'gā ālā, tēvhā
money harts-with waste was-made that your son came, then
 tumhī tyā-ohyāsāthī mōthī pangat delli' Tēvhā tyā-na tyā-lā
by-you him-of-for great a-feast was-given' Then him-by him-to
 mhat'la, 'pōrā, tū sag'lā īl māhyā-dzavaḷ āhē, ānī māhī sag'ḷi
it-was-said, 'son, thou whole time of-me-near at, and my whole
 jn'gī tuhī-ts āhē Hā tuhā bhāū mēlā vhatā, ta jītā dzhālā, ān
property thine-alone is This thy brother dead was, he alive became, and
 hārap'lā vhatā, ta sāpad'lā. Mhanūn ānand va chañ karavī
lost was, he is-found Therefore joy and merriment should-be-made
 hē bara vhatā'
this good was'

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHI

VARHĀDĪ (BRĀHMANĪ) DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

SPECIMEN II.

DEPOSITION OF A WITNESS

राम-जी वल्लद सोना-जी । जात माळी । उंबर वर्स पंचेचाळीस । वस्ती सोम-
 ठान । प्रतिज्ञे-वर कळवितो की, आजमास (सुमार) पंधरा दिवस झाले असतील रोज
 शुक्र-वारी रात्री मी व माही बायको आनी दोन पोर असे घरात निजलो असता दोन
 प्रहर रात्रीचे सुमारास माझा बायकोन मला जाग केल, आन म्हणू लागली की, घरात
 भाडे वाजत असून मानसाचा चाहाळ येते । तेव्हा उठा । त्या-वरून मी उठलो आनी
 भीती-कडे पाहिले त मला भोक दिसल । त्या-वरून खास वाटल की, कोनी-तरी
 घर फोडून आत शिरल आहे । घरात दिवा नव्हता । माझा आथरुना-खाले आक-
 पेटी व्हाती, ती लगेच काढून पेटिवली । इतक्यात हाच आरोपी भीतीस पाडलेल्या
 भोका-जवळ जाऊ लागला । त्याच्या-वर माही नजर गेल्या-बराबर म्या त्यास
 पकडल । आनि त्याचा हात धरून त्यास म्हनालो की, अरे चोरा कोठ जात ।
 त्या-वरून त्याची व माही भोंवाभोंवी बरीच झाली । मी घरातून कलमाई भाला
 केला । त्या-वरून घराचे शेजारी लोक सिताराम व इठोबा हे आले । इतक्यात
 माझा बायकोन दिवा लावला आनी घरातली साखळी काढाडली । व सदरहू इसम
 आत आले । मग मला भल जोर आल । सदरहू आरोपी-जवळ घराच्या-जवळ
 पाहिल त पाच खन निघाले । ते खन तीन रुपये किमतीचे आहेत । ते माहे
 आहेत । माझा बायकोच्या गाठोद्यात व्हाते । ते गाठोड जात्या-जवळच्या उतरंडी-
 जवळ व्हात । या-शिवाय दुसरा माल गेला नाही ॥

आम्ही तिघान त्याचे हात बांधले । आनी लगेच पाटला-कडे घेऊन गेलो ।
 आनी झालेली वकीकत पाटलास सांगितली । त्या-वरून पाटलान चवकीदार
 आनी माहार याहिच्या ताब्यात आरोपीला देह । आनी प्रातःकाळी पोलीस
 ठेसन वारसीटाकळी या-कडे पाठवल । आरोपी कोनत्या गावाचा आहे, त्याच
 नाव काय, हे मला ठाऊक नाही । कारन तो आमच्या गावाचा नाही । दिवा

लावल्या-करता म्या आक-पेटीची काडी वडली इतक्यात आरोपी भोका-जवळ दिसला त्या-मुळे माझ्या-कडून दिवा लावता आला नाही। पाडलेल्या भोकातून मनुष्य अडचनीन जाऊ यऊ सकत। कोरटात असलेला खिळा ज्ञान भीतीस भोक पाडल तो मला भोका-जवळच्या न्हाणीत सापडला ॥

[No 51]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

VARHADI (BRAHMANI) DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

SPECIMEN II

DEPOSITION OF A WITNESS

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Rām-jī, vallad Sōnā-jī, dzāt mālī, umbar varā pañchēchāhs;
Rām-jī, son-of Sōnā-jī, caste mālī (gardener) age years forty-five;
 varā Sōm'thān Pratiṇyā-var kalavātō ki, jlymās (sumār)
residence Som'than Sole affirmation-for Inform that, about (about,
 pandhārā divas dzhālē astāl, nōlz Śukhar-vārī rātri mī va māhī
fifty-two days because yet-are, day or-Friday at-night I and my
 bāy'lō ānī dōn pūra asē gharāt nōlz'lō astā dōn prahar
wife and two children there in-the-house sleeping being two quarters
 rātri-chē sumārīs māhīyā bāy'lō-na ma-lā dzāga lēla, ān mhanū
night-of at-about my wife-by we-to awakening was-made, and to say
 lāg'li ki, 'gharāt bhāndē vādzat asūn mānt'sē-ṭsā tsāhāl
she-began that 'in-the-house pots sounding having-been man-of none
 yēṭē. Tēvhā ūthā' Tyā-varūn mī ūth'lō ānī bhītī-kadē pāhīlē,
comes. Therefore get-up' Thereupon I got-up and the-wall-towards it-was-came.
 va ma-lā bhōk dī'sla. Tyā-varūn khās vāt'la ki kōnī-tarī
the we-to a-hole appeared Thereupon certainly it-appeared that some-one
 ghar phōdūn āt sir'la āhē Gharāt dīvā navhātā Māhīyā
house having-broke in entered is In-the-house lamp not-was My
 āt'thānā-khālē āk-pēñ vhatī tī lagē-ṭs vādhūn pēn'li
bed-beneath a-match-box was that at-once having-fallen-out was-lighted.
 Iṭhyāt hā-ṭs ārōpi bhītīs pād'lēlyā bhōsā-dzaval dzāñ
In-the-moment this-very accused in-the-wall made hole-near to-go
 lēglā. Tyā-chyā-var māhī nalzar gēlyā-barābar myā tyās pakad'la.
began Hun-of-us my eight went-just-as-soon by, e to-him it-was-caught
 Ānī tyā-ṭsā hāt dharūn tyās mhanālō ki, 'arē tsōrā, kōtha
And him-of hand having-held to-him I-said that, 'Ah thief, where
 dzāsa' Tyā-varūn tyā-chī va māhī dzhōmbā-dzhōmbī barī-ṭs dzhālī
doryou-go' That-upon him-of and my struggling considerable became.
 Mī gharātūn kal'mā-i bhālā kēlā Tyā-varūn gharā-chē
(By)-me house-in-from noise-also great was-made Thereupon the-house-of

śēdžārī lōk Sitarām va Ithōbā hē ālē It'kyāt
neighbouring people Sitarām and Vithōbā these came In-the-meantime
 māhyā bāy'kō-na divā lāv'lā, ānī gharāt'li sāk'h'li kāhād'li
my wife-by lamp was-lighted, and house-in-from a-chamber was-taken-out
 Va sadar'hū isam āt ālē Mag ma-lā bhalla dzōi āla Sadar'hū
And the-said persons in came Then me-to great force came The-said
 ārōpi dzaval gharā-chyā-dzaval pāhūla ta pāts khan mghālē Tē
accused-near the-house-of-near it-was-seen then five bodices were-found Those
 khan tin rupayē kim'ti-chē āhēt Tē mähē āhēt Māhyā bāy'kō-ohyā
clothes three rupees worth-of are Those mine are My wife of
 gāthōdyāt vhatē Tē gathōda dzātyā-dzaval-chyā utrandi-dzaval vhata
in-a-cloth-bundle were That bundle of-a-grinding-stone-near jar-pile-near was
 Yā śivāy dusrā māl gēlā nāhi
This besides other property went not

Āmlī tighā-na tyā-chē hāt bāndh'lē Ānī lagē-ts Pāt'lā-kadē ghēūn
Us three-by his hands were-tied And at-once the-Patel-to having-taken
 gēlō Ānī dzhālēli hakikat Pāt'lās sāngit'li Tyā-varūn Pāt'lā-na
we-went And happened account to the-Patel was-told There-upon the-Patel-by
 tsav'kidār ānī mähār yāhi ohyā tābyāt ārōpi-lā dēlla Ānī
the-Chaukidār and a-Mahar these of in-change the-accused-to was given And
 prātahkālī pōlis thēsan Bār'sitāk'li yā-kadē pāthav'la Ārōpi kōn'tyā
in-the-morning police station Barsi-Takli this-to was-sent The-accused what
 gāvā-tsā āhō, tyā-tsa nāv kāy, hē ma-lā thāūk nāhi Kāran tō ām-ohyā
village of is, him-of name what, this me-to known is-not Because he us of
 gāvā-tsā nāhi Divā lāv'nyā-kar'tā mvā āk-pēti-chī kādī vahad'li,
village-of is not Lamp to light-in-order by-me match-box-of a-stick was-rubbed,
 it'kyāt ārōpi bhōkā-dzaval dis'lā, tyā-mulē māhyā-kadūn
in-the-meantime the-accused the-hole-near appeared, that-on-account-of me-by
 divā lāv'tā ālā nāhi Pād'lēlyā bhōkātūn manusy ad'tsanī-na dzāū
lamp to-light came not Boiled the-hole-through a-man difficulty-with to-go
 yaū sak'ta Kōr'tāt as'lēlā khulā jyā-na bhītis bhōk pād'la tō
to-come is able In-the-court been the spike which-by in-the-wall a-hole was-made that
 ma-lā bhōkā-dzaval-ohyā nhānīt sāpad'lā
me-to the-hole-of-near in-the-bath-room was-found

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

(DEPOSITION OF) RĀM-JĪ, SON OF SŌNĀ-JĪ, OF THE MĀLĪ CASTE, AGED FORTY-FIVE, A RESIDENT OF SOMTHAN

I solemnly affirm that about a fortnight ago, on a Friday night, I and my wife and two children were sleeping in the house. At midnight my wife roused me and said,

‘there is a rattling of pots in the house, and footsteps are heard, therefore got up’ Then I got up and on looking towards the wall I saw a hole in it. I then understood that some one must have broken into the house. There was no light in the house, but there was a match-box beneath my bed. I immediately got hold of it and lighted a match. Then this very accused began to move towards the hole made in the wall. As soon as I saw him, I caught hold of him and holding him by the hand said to him, ‘Ah, thief! where do you go?’ Whereupon there was a great struggle between him and me, and I cried out loudly from within the house. Thereupon my neighbours, Sītārām and Vithōbā, came. In the meantime my wife lighted a lamp and unchained the door from within, and the said neighbours stepped into the house. Then I felt more strength. On the accused being searched five pieces of bodice-cloth were found on him. They are worth three rupees. They are mine and were in the bundle belonging to my wife. The bundle was near the jar-pile by the grinding-mill. Nothing beside this is lost. We three bound the accused by his hands and immediately took him to the Patel and informed him of what had happened. Whereupon the Patel gave the accused in charge of a Chaukidar and a Mahar and in the morning sent him to the police station at Barā-Takli. I do not know either the village the accused lives in or his name, for he does not belong to our village. I struck a match to light the lamp when I saw the accused at the hole, therefore I could not light the lamp. One can with difficulty go in and out of the hole made in the wall. The iron spiko before the Court with which the wall was bored was found by me in the bath-room near the hole.

The dialect of the Kun'bis is, in all essentials, identical with that illustrated in the preceding specimens. The cerebral *l* is, however, pronounced as a *y*, thus, *kāy*, famine, *yīy*, time. *Arā* usually becomes *ō*, thus, *ḍzōy*, *ḍzōd*, and *ḍzavad*, near. The writing of *d* in the two last forms of this word is probably only an attempt at a correct orthography. The dative ends in *lē*, thus, *mān'sā-lē*, to a man. The masculine and neuter genders are sometimes confounded, thus, *jē hisā*, which part, *duk'a khāt vhatē*, the swine were eating. In all essential points, however, the so-called Kun'bi closely agrees with the usual Marāṭhī of Berar, as will be seen from a perusal of the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

[No 52]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

VARHĀDĪ (KUN'BI) DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

कोन्या एका मानसाले दोन पोर व्हते । त्यामधला एक लाहना वापाले म्हने, वावा, जे जिनगीचा हिंसा मले येईल तो दे । मंग त्यान त्याले पैसा वाटून देला । मंग थोड्या दिसान लाहना पोर भाडून पैसा जमा करून लाम मुलकान गेला, अन तथी उधयेपनान राहून आपला पैसा गमावून देला । मंग त्यान अवघ खरचल्या-वर त्या मुलकात काय पडला । त्या-मुये तो खायाले मोताद झाला । तन्हा तो त्या मुलकातल्या एका मानसा-जोड जाऊन राहिला । त्यान तर त्याले डुकर चाच्यो आपल्या वावरात धाडल । तन्हा डुकर जे टप्पखात व्हते त्याच्या-वर त्यान आपल पोटा भराव अस त्याले वाटल । आनि त्याले कोन काड देल नाही । मंग तो शुदी-वर येऊन म्हने । माझ्या वापाच्या किती साल-दाराले पोटा-भर भाकर भेटते, आनि मी उपासी मरतो । मी उठून माझ्या वापा-कड जाईल आखीन त्याले म्हनील, अरे वावा, म्या देवाच्या कड्या वाहीर व तुझ्या सामने पाप केल हाये, या-पुढे तुह पोरग म्हन्याले मले वर लागत नाही । तुझ्या एका सालदारा-वानी मले ठिव । मंग तो उठून आपल्या वापा-जोय गेला ॥

[No 52]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

VARHĀDĪ (KUN⁴BĪ) DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōnyā ēkā mān⁴sā-lē dōn pōr vhatē Tyā-mandh⁴lā ēk lāhyānā bāpā-lō
Certain a man-to two sons were Them-among one younger father-to
 mhanē, 'bāvā, jē jin⁴gi-tsā hūsā ma-lē yōil tō dō' Mang tyā-na
said, 'father, which property-of share me-to will-come that give' Then him-by
 tyā-lē paisā vātūn dōlā Mang thōdyā disā-na lāhyānā pōr
him-to money having-divided was-given Then a-few days-in the-younger son
 dzhādūn paisā dzamā-karūn lām mul⁴kā-na gēlā, an tathī udh⁴yēpanā-na
altogether wealth having-collected far a-country-to went, and there riotousness-with
 rāhūn āp⁴lā paisā gamāvūn dēlā, mang tyā-na av⁴gha
having-lived his-own wealth having-wasted was-given, then him-by all
 kharats⁴lyā-var tyā mul⁴kāt kāy pad⁴lā, tyā-muyō tō khāyā-lē
having-been-spent-upon that into-country famine fell, therefore he to-eat
 mōtād dzhālā. Tavhā tō tyā mul⁴kāt⁴lyā ēkā mān⁴sā-dzōd dzāūn rāhēlā
needy became Then he that country-in-of one man-near having-gone lived
 Tyā-na tar tyā-lē duk⁴ra tsāryā-lē āp⁴lyā vāv⁴rāt dhād⁴lā Tavhā duk⁴ra
Him-by then him-to some to-feed his-own into-field it was-sent Then some
 jē tapra khāt vhatē tyā-ohyā-var tyā-na āp⁴lā pōṭ bharāva asa
what husks eating were of-that-upon him-by his-own belly should-be-filled so
 tyā-lē vāt⁴lā, ānī tyā-lē kōna kāi dēlā nāhī Mang
him-to it-appeared, and him-to by-anyone anything was-given not Then
 tō sudī-var yēūn mhanē, 'māhyā bāpā-ohyā kītī sāl⁴dārā-lē
he senses-on having-come said, 'my father-of how-many servants-to
 pōt-bhar bhāka bhēṭ⁴tē, ānī mī upāsī mar⁴tō Mī uṭhūn māhyā
belly-full bread is-obtained, and I hungry die I having-arsen my
 bāpā-kadē dzāl ākhīn tyā-lē mhanīl, "arē bāvā, myā Dēvā-ohyā kahyā
father-to will-go and him-to will-say, "O father, by-me God-of word
 bāhīr va tuhyā sām⁴nē pāp kēla hāyē, vā-pudhē tuha pō⁴ga mhan⁴yā-lē
against and thee-of before sin done is, hereafter thy son to-be-called
 ma-lē hara lāgat nāhī, tuhyā ēkā sāl⁴dārā-vānī ma-lē ṭhiv⁴ Mang tō
me-to well appearing is-not, of-thce one servant-like me-to keep"" Then he
 uṭhūn āp⁴lyā bāpā-dzōy gēlā.
having-risen his-own father-near went.

To the west of Akola lies the district of Buldana. It has already been mentioned that the western part of the district belongs to the Dekhan form of Marāthī. The language of the eastern part, on the other hand, is identical with that spoken in Akola. There is said to be a slight difference between the dialect spoken above the Ghats, called *Ghātā var-chī Varhādī*, in the south, and the *Ghātā khāl-chī Varhādī*, in the north. No materials are available to illustrate this difference, and it is probably of no importance.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows illustrates the language of the Kun'bis in Molhapur Taluka. The only peculiarity of the dialect is the pronunciation of the cerebral *ḷ* as *y* and the use of the dative suffix *lē*. Thus, *dōyā*, an eye, *bāpā-lē*, to a father. We may, in addition to this, note the tendency to substitute an *ō* for *ara* and *ari*, thus, *ḍoy* and *ḍavay*, near, *jīn'gī udōli*, his property was squandered.

[No 53]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

VARHĀDĪ (KUN'BI) DIALECT

(DISTRICT BULDANA.)

कोन्या एका मानसाले दोन लेक होते । त्यातुन लाह्यना बापाले म्हने की, आरे बाबा, माझ्या हिशाची जीनगानी मले दे । म्हुन बापान आपली जीनगी दोवा मधी वाटुन देली । थोड्या दीसानी लाह्यना पोरगा आपली समदी जीनगी घेउन देशा-वर गेला । व तठी त्यान चैनी-मंधी समदी जीनगी उडोली । त्याचा समदा पैसा खर्च झाल्या-वर त्या देशा-मधी मोठा काय पडला । म्हुन त्याले फार अडचन पडली । मग तो एका गीरस्ताचे घरी जाउन राहिला । त्या गीरस्तानें त्याले त्याचे वावरात डुकर राख्याले ठीवले । तठी त्या मानसानें डुकराने खाउन टाकेल कोड्या-वर खुशीन पोट भरले असत । पण त्याले ते-वी कोन देल नाही । या-करता त्याचे डोये उघडले ॥

Kōnyā ēkā mān'sā-lē dōna lēka hōtē Tyātun lāhyana bāpā-lē
Certain a man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger the-father-to
 mhanē kī, 'ārē bābā, māhyā hīśā-chī jīn'gānī ma-lē dē' Mhun
said that, 'O father, my share-of property me-to give' Therefore
 bāpā-na āp'li jīn'gī dōghā-mandhī vātun dēli Thōḍyā
the-father-by his-own property both-among having-divided was-given A-few
 disā-nī lāhyana pōr'gū āp'li sam'dī jīn'gī ghēūn dēsā-var gēlā
days after the-younger son his-own all property having taken a-country-to went.

Va tathī tyā-na ohamī-mandhī sam'dī jīn'gī udōlī Tyā-tsā sam'dā
And there him-by merr-y-making-in all property was-squandered His all
 paisā kharts dzhālyā-var tyā dēśā-mandhī mōthā kāy pad'lā Mhun
money spent having-become-on that country-into great famine fell Therefore
 tyā-lē phār ad'tsan pad'li Mang tō ēkā gīrastā-chē gharī dzāun
him-to great difficulty fell Then he one householder-of in-house having-gone
 iāhulā Tyā gīrastā-nē tyā-lē tyā-chē vāv'rāt dukkar iākhyā-lē thiv'la
lived That householder-by him-to his into-field sown to-keep it-was-placed.
 Tathī tyā mām'sā-nē duk'rā-na khāun tākēla kōndyā-var khusī-na
There that man-by the-sown-by having-eaten thrown husks-upon gladness-with
 pōt bhar'la as'ta Pan tyā-lē tē bī kōna dēla nāhī
belly filled would-have-been But him-to that too by-anyone was-given not.
 Yā-kar'tā tyā-chē dōyē ughad'lē.
This-for his eyes opened

Proceeding towards the east from Buldana we reach the district of Basim, the main language of which is Marāṭhī. The inhabitants maintain that their dialect is much purer than the so-called Varhādi. An inspection of the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will, however, show that this is not the case, and that the dialect of Basim must be classed with the usual Marāṭhī of Borar. Compare forms such as *mī āhō*, I am, *mī mīhyī bāpī-karā dzāil*, I will go to my father and so forth. The suffix of the dative, on the other hand, is *lā* as in the Dekhan.

[No 54]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

VARHĀDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BASIM)

कोनी एका मानसाला दोन पोर होते । त्यातल लहान पोरग वापाला म्हनाल वावा, मला जिनगीचा जो हिस्सा यायचा तो दे । मग त्यान त्यास जिनगी वाटून दिली । मग थोड्या दिसानी धाकट पोरग सर्व जिनगी जमा करून मुलखावर गेल । तेथ उधळमावद्या करून सर्व खर्ची उडून टाकली । सगळी जमा खर्चिल्या-वर त्या देशा-मधे मोठा दुकळ पडला । त्या-मुळ त्याला मोठी तंगी भाली । तेन्ना तो त्या देशातल्या एका मानसा-जवळ चाकरी राहिला । त्यान त्याला डुक्र चारायला वावरांत पाठवल । तेन्ना डुक्र जी ठरफल खाजन राहत ती ठरफल खाजन राहव आस त्याला वाटल । आनी त्याला कोन्ही काँही देल नाहीं । मग डोळे उघडल्या-वर त्यान म्हनल कीं, माझ्या वापाच्या घरीं रोजदारास भरपूर भाकर मिळते, मीं तर भुकन मरतो । मीं माझ्या वापा-कड उठून जाईल, आनी म्हनीन कीं वावा, मीं देवाच्या उलट आनी तुझ्या समोर पाप केल । आतां-पसून तुह पोरग म्हनायला लायक नाहीं । मला एका रोजदारा-सारख ठेव ॥

[No. 54]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

VARHĀDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BASIM)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnī ēkā mām'sā-lā dōn pōi hōtē Tyāt'la lahān pōr'ga
Certain one man-to two sons were Them-among the younger son
 bāpā-lā mhanāla, 'bābā, ma-lā jin'gī-tsū dzō hussā yāy-tsū tō dē'
father-to said, 'father, me-to property-of what share to-come that give'
 Mag tyā-na tyās jin'gī vātūn dēli Mag thōdyā disā-nī
Then him-by to-him property having-divided was-given Then a-few m-days
 dhāk'ta pōr'ga sarv jin'gī dzamā kaiūn mul'khā-var gōla Tētha
the-younger son all property together having-made a-country-to went There
 udha|-māvandyā kaiūn sarv kharohī udūn tāk'li Sag'li
extravagance having made all provision having-squandered was-thu own All
 dzamā kharchilyā-var tyā dēšā-madhē mōthā dukal pad'lā Tyā-muḷa tyā-lā
wealth being-spent-on that country-into great famine fell Therefore him-to
 mōthi tangi dzhālī Tēvhā tō tyā dēšāt'lyā ēkā mām'sā-dzava| tsūk'ri
great difficulty became Then he that country-in-from one man-near in-service
 rāhīlā Tyā-na tyā-lā dukra tsāiāy-lā vāv'rāt pāthav'la Tēvhā dukra
lived Him-by him-to swine to-feed into-field it-was-sent Then the-swine
 jī tar'phala khāūn rāhat ti tar'phala khāūn rāh'va
which husks having-eaten lived that husks having-eaten it-should-be-lived
 āsa tyā-lā vāt'la Ānī tyā-lā kōnhī kāhī dēla nāhī
so him-to it-appeared And him-to by-anybody anything was-given not
 Mag dōlē ughad'lyā-var tyā-na mhan'la kī, 'māhyā bāpā-obyā
Then eyes having-been-opened-upon him-by it-was-said that 'my father-of
 gharī rōdz'dārās bhar-pūr bhākan ml'tē Mī tar bhuka-na mar'tō Mī
at-house to-servants sufficient bread is got I then hunger-with die I
 māhyā bāpā-kada uthūn dzāil, ānī mhanīn kī, "bābā, mī Dēvā-chyā
my father-to having-issen will-go, and will-say that, "father, by-me God-of
 ulat ānī tuhyā samōr pāp kēla Ātā-pasūn tuha pōr'ga mhanāy-lā
against and of-thee before sin is-made Now-from thy son to be-called
 lāyak nāhī Ma-lā ēkā rōdz'dārā-sār'kha thēv''
worthy am-not Me-to one servant-like place''

To the east of Basim lies the district of Wun. The principal language of the district is Varhādi. In the south it meets with Telugu and Gōndī, but these languages do not appear to have influenced the current Marāthī of the district, which closely agrees with the form which that language assumes all over Berar.

I am indebted to Captain W. Haig for an excellent version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in the dialect of Wun. It is the only Berar specimen which can be referred to a well-known authority, and it has, therefore, been printed in full.

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(DISTRICT WUN)

(Capt. W. Haig, 1896)

एका मानसास दोन पोर होते। त्यातल लहान पोरग वापास म्हने, बावा माझ्या हिश्याचा माल मला देजन टाक। तेव्हां त्यान आपल्या जिनगीच्या दोघा पोरोंत वाटल्या केल्या। पुढ थोड्याच दिवसांत लहान्या पोरान आपली सर्व जिनगी सावडली। मग तो दुसऱ्या मुलखांत फिरल्यास गेला। तेथ त्यान चहूल बाजींत आपला सर्व पैसा उडवला। जेव्हां जवळची वाकी सर्व भाली, तेव्हां त्या देशांत मोठा दुकळ पडला। व त्याला खाया पियाची वान पडली। मग तो त्या मुलखातील एका भल्या मानसाच्या घरी जाऊन त्याच्या जवळ राहिला। तेव्हां त्यान त्यास आपल्या वावरांत डुकर राखल्यास धाडल। त्या येकी डुकर जे भुस खात होते ते भुस खाऊन पोटा भरल्यास तो राजी भाला। पन ते भुस ही त्यास कोनी देयेना। अस भाल तेव्हां मग त्याचे डोळे उघडले। मग त्यान म्हटल कीं माझ्या बापाच्या घरी वहु सालकरी आहेत। त्याहीला पोटा-पेक्षा ज्यास्त भाकर मिळते, अन मी येथ भुकेन मरतो। तर मी आता उठून वापा-कडे जातो व त्यास म्हनतो। बावा, मी तुहा व देवाचा अपराधी आहे। या उपर मी तुहा पोरग व्हय अस म्हनाव हे बरोबर न व्हय। म्हनून तूं मला आपला सालकरी कर। अस बोलून तो उठला अन आपल्या वापा-कडे आला। पन तो दूर अतरा-वर होता तेव्हांच बापान त्यास पाहिल व त्याला कीव आली। म्हनून तो धावला व पोराच्या गळ्यास मिठी मारून त्यान त्याचा मुका घेतला। मग पोरग म्हने, बावा, मी देवाचा व तुहा अपराधी आहे। व तुहा पोरग म्हनवून घेत्यास मी आता लायक नाहीं। पन बापान आपल्या गळ्यास सांगितल कीं चांगले पाधुरन आनून यास द्या व याच्या वोटांत मदी घाला अन याच्या पायांत जोडा

घाला । आज आपन खाजन पिजन चगळ करूँ, काळुन कीं हें माह लेकळूँ मेल
कृत पन ते पुनः जित भाल । ते हरपल होत पन आज फिरन भेटल । मग ते चगळ
करूँ लागले ॥

त्या येळी त्याच मोठ पोरग वावरांत होत । ते-ही घरीं येजं लागल, तेव्हां त्यास
नाचन व गान ऐकूँ येजं लागल । तेव्हां त्यान एका गड्यास हाक मारुन पुसल,
काँ रे, आज हे काय व्हय । तेव्हां त्यान सांगितल कीं, तुहा भाज आला व तो खुशा-
लीन आला म्हनून तुहा वाप त्यास पाव्हनचार करत्ये । तेव्हां त्याची मर्जी विघडली,
मग तो घरांत काड्यास जाते । म्हनून त्याचा वाप वाहेर येजन त्याची खुशामत करूँ
लागला । तेव्हां ते पोरग म्हने, पाछ वावा इतके साल म्या तुही चाकरी केली
तुहा हुकूम म्या कधीं मोडला नाहीं । इतक असून माझ्या गड्या वरोवर मजा कर-
न्यास तुवा मज वकाखाचें पिलूँ ही कधीं देख नाहीं । पन रांडवार्जीत तुही सर्व जिनगी
बुडवून टाकनारा हा तुहा लेक आला तेव्हां तुवा त्यास पाव्हनचार केला । तेव्हां
त्यान त्यास म्हटल—पोरा तूँ अक्षयी माझ्या जवळ राहत व जे काय माझ्या जवळ आहे,
ते सर्व तुह आहे । हा तुहा मेलेला भाज पुनः उठला, भेटायचा नाहीं तो पुनः
भेटला, म्हनून आपनास कौतुक व्हाव व आपन आनंद कराव हे वेस आहे ॥

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(Capt W Hatt, 1896)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mām'sās dōn pōr hōtē Tyāt'la lahān pōr'ga bāpās
One to-a-man two sons were Them-among the-younger son to-the-father
 mhanē, 'bābā, māhyā hīsyā-tsā māl ma-lā dēūn ṭāk' Tēvhā
said, 'father, my share-of property me-to having-given throw' Then
 tyā-na āp'lyā jūn'gī-chyā dōghā pōrāt vāt'nyā kēlyā Pudha
him-by his-own the-property-of both between-sons divisions were-made Then
 thōdyā-ts div'sāt lahānyā pōrā-na āp'li sarv jūn'gī sāvad'li
a-few in-days the-younger son-by his-own all property was-gathered-together
 Mag tō dusr'yā mul'khāt phur'nyās gēlā Tētha tyā-na tsahūl-bājīt
Then he another into-country to-journey went There him-by in-riotous-living
 āp'lā sarv paisā udav'lā Jēvhā dzavaḷ-chī bāki sarv dzhālī,
his-own all money was-squandered When near-of remainder all became,
 tēvhā tyā dēsāt mōthā dukaḷ pad'lā, va tyā-la khāyā piyā-chī
then that into-country mighty famine fell, and him-to eating drinking-of
 vān pad'li Mag tō tyā mul'khātil ekā bhalyā mām'sā-chyā gharī
want fell Then he that country-in-being one noble man-of to-house
 dzāūn tyā-chyā-dzavaḷ rāhulā Tēvhā tyā-na tyās āp'lyā vāv'rāt dukar
having-gone him-of-near lived Then him-by him his-own into-field the-swine
 rākh'nyās dhād'la Tyā yēlī dukar jē bhus khāt hōtē tē
to-tend it-was-sent That at-time the-swine what chaff eating were that
 bhus khāūn pōt bhar'nyas tō rājī dzhālā Pan tē bhus hī
chaff having-eaten belly to-fill he willing became But that chaff even
 tyās kōnī dēyē-nā Asa dzhālā tēvhā mag tyā-chē dōlē ughad'lē
to-him anybody would-not-give Such became then after him-of eyes opened
 Mag tyā-na mhaṭ'la kī, 'māhyā bāpā-chyā gharī bahu sāl-karī
Then him-by it-was-said that, 'my father-of in-house many lived-servants
 āhēt Tyāhī-lā pōtā-pēkshā jyāst bhākar mūt'tē, an mī yetha bhukē-na
are Them-to belly-than more bread is-got, and I here hunger-with
 mar'tō, tar mī ātā uthūn bāpā-kadē dzātō, va tyās
die, then I now having-risen father-to go, and to-him
 mhan'tō, "bābā, mī tuhā va Dēvā-tsā ap'rādhi āhē, yā
I-say, "father, I thy and God-of offender am, this

upar mī tuha pōr'ga vbaya asa mhanāva hē baiōbar na
upon I thy son am so it-should-be-said this proper not
 vhaya Mhanūn tū ma-lā āp'lā sāl-karī kar''' Asa
is Therefore you me-to thy-own hired-servant make''' Thus
 bōlūn tō uth'lā, an āp'lyā bāpā-kadē ālā Pan tō dūr
having-spoken he arose, and his-own father-to came But he far
 antrā-var hōtā tēvhā-ts bāpā-na tyās pāhyala, va tyā-lā
distance-on was then-even the-father-by to-him it-was-seen, and him-to
 kīv ālī Mhanūn tō dhāv'lā va pōrū-chyā galyās
compassion came Therefore he ran and the-son-of to-the-neck
 mūthī mārūn tyā-na tyā-tsā mukā ghēt'lā Mag
embracing having-struck him-by him-of a-kiss was-taken Then
 pōr'ga mhanē, 'bābā, mī Dēvā-tsā va tuhā aprādhi āhē,
the-son said, 'father, I God of and thy offender am,
 va tuha pōr'ga mhan'vūn ghēnyās mī ātā lāyak nāhī' Pan
and thy son having-called-myself to-take I now worthy am-not.' But
 bāpā-na āp'lyā gadyās sāngit'la kī, 'tsāng'lē pānghurana
the-father-by his-own to-servants it-was-told that, 'good robes
 ānūn yās dyā, va yā-chyā bōtāt mudī ghālā, an yā-chyā
having-brought to-this-one give, and this-of on-a-finger a-ing put, and this-of
 pāyāt dzōdā ghālā ādz āpan khūn piūn tsangal
on-feet a-shoe put Today we having-eaten having-drunk merry
 karū, kā-vhun kī, hē māha lēk'ū mēla vhata, pan tē
shall-make, because that, this my child dead was, but it
 punah jita dzhāla, tē harap'la hōta, pan ādz phuran bhēt'la' Mag
again alive became, it lost was, but today again was-met' Then
 tē tsangal karū lāg'lē
they merry to-make began

Tyā yēlī tyā-tsa mōtha pōr'ga vāv'rāt hōta Tē hī gharī yēū
That at-time him-of eldest son in-field was He too to-house to-come
 lāg'la, tēvhā tyās nātsan va gān aikū yēū lāg'la Tēvhā tyā-na
began, then to-him dancing and singing to-hear to-come began Then him-by
 ekā gadyās hāk māūn pus'la, 'kā-ē, ādz
one to-servant a-call having-struck it-was-asked, 'what-O, today
 hē kāy vhay?' Tēvhā tyā-na sāngit'la kī, 'tuhā bhāu
this what is?' Then him-by it-was-told that, 'thy brother
 ālā, va tō khuśālī-na ālā, mhanūn tuhā bāp tyās
came, and he safety-with came, therefore thy father to-him
 pāvhan'tsār kartye' Tēvhā tyā-chī marji bighad'li. Mag tō
hospitality is-making' Then him-of temper was-spoiled Then he
 gharāt kābyās dzātē? Mhanūn tyā-tsā bāp bāhēr yēūn
into-house what-for goes? Therefore him-of father out having-come

tyī-chī khusāmat kaiñ lāg'lā Tēvhā tō pōr'ga mhanē,
him-of flattery to-make began Then that son said,
 'pīhya, bābā, it'kē sāl myā tuhī tsāk'ri kēli, tuhā
'see, father, so-many years by-me thy service was-done, thy
 hukūm myī kadhī mōl'lā nāhī, it'ka asūn māhyā gadyā-
order by-me ever was-broken not, so-much having-been my friends-
 barōbar madzā kar'nyās tuvā madz bak'ryā chē pilī hī kahī
with meritment to-make by-thee to-me a-goat-of young-one even ever
 dēlla nāhī Pan rūnd'bījīt tuhī sarv jin'gi bud'vūn tāk'nārū
was-given not But in-wenching thy all property having-drowned th'ower
 hā tuhā lēk ālā tēvhā tuvā tyās pāvhan'tsār kēlā' Tēvhā
this thy son came then by-thee to-him hospitality was-made' Then
 tvā-na tyās mhaṭṭa, 'pūrā, tū akshayī māhyā-dzavaḷ rāhat, va
him-by to-him it-was-said, 'son, thou always of-me-near art-being, and
 jū-kāy māhyā dzavaḷ āhō tē sarv tuba āhē Hā tuhā mēlēlā bhāu
whatever of-me near is that all thine is This thy dead brother
 punah uth'lā, bhēṭiy-tsū nāhī, tō punah bhēṭ'lā, mhanūn āp'nās kaṭuk
again arose, to-be-met not, he again was-met, therefore to-us delight
 vāva va āpan ānand kaiāva, hē bēs āhē '
should-be and by-us joy should-be-made, this good is '

Marāthi is also the principal language of Amraoti. No specimens have been forwarded, but the dialect is certainly identical with that spoken in the neighbouring districts

The district of Ellchpur is situated to the north of Amraoti and Akola. Varhādi is spoken all over the district. Two smaller dialects, Dzhārpī and Kōshti will be separately dealt with below, though they do not materially differ from the principal language of the district. This latter form of speech is the same as that current elsewhere in Berar. The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows represents the language of the higher classes. Note the use of the dative suffix *lā* in *ma-lā*, to me, etc

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वावा, माझा हिश्याचा माल मला देजन टाक। तेव्हां त्यान आपल्या जिनगीच्या
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चहूलवाजींत आपला सर्व पैसा उडवला। जेव्हां जवळची वाकी सर्व झाली तेव्हां
त्या देशांत मोठा दुकळ पडला। व त्याला खाया-पियाची वान पडली। मग तो
त्या मुलखातील एका भल्या मानसाच्या घरी जाऊन त्याच्या-जवळ राहिला। तेव्हां
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होते ते भुस खाऊन पोटा भरल्यास तो राजी झाला। पण ते भुस ही त्यास कोणी
देयना। अस झाल तेव्हां मग त्याचे डोळे उघडले। मग त्यान म्हटल कीं, माझा
वापाच्या घरी बहु सालकारी आहेत, त्याहिला पोटा-पेचां जास्त भाकर मिळते,
अन मो वेद्य भुक्तेन मरतो ॥

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TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā	mān'sās	dōn	pōr	hōtē	Tyāt'la	lahān	pōr'ga
<i>A-certain</i>	<i>to-man</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>Them-in-from</i>	<i>the younger</i>	<i>son</i>
bāpās	mhanē,	'bābā,	māhyā	hu'syā-tgā	māl	ma-lā	dōūn
<i>to-father</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>share-of</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>me-to</i>	<i>having-given</i>
tāk'	Tēvhā	tyā-na	āp'lyā	jun'gi-chyā	dōghā	pōrāt	vāt'nyā
<i>make-over</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property-of</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>among-sons</i>	<i>divisions</i>
kūlyā	Pudha	thōdyā-tg	div'sāt	lahānyā	pōrā-na	āp'li	sarv jun'gi
<i>were-made</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>a-few-only</i>	<i>in-days</i>	<i>the-younger</i>	<i>son-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all property</i>
sāvali	Mag	tō	dus'ryā	mul'khāt	phur'nyās	gēlā	Tētha tyā na
<i>was-collected</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>another</i>	<i>into-country</i>	<i>to-journey</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>There him-by</i>
tsahūl-bājīt	āp'li	sarv	paisā	udav'lā.	Jēvhā	dzava|chī	
<i>in-lotous living</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>money</i>	<i>was-squandered</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>near-being</i>	
bāki	sarv	dzhālī	tōvhā	tyā	dēsāt	mōṭhā	duka| pad'lā, va
<i>remainder</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>was-over</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>into-country</i>	<i>great</i>	<i>famine fell, and</i>
tyā-lā	khāyā-piyā	chī	vān	pad'li	Mag	tō	tyā mul'khātīl
<i>him-to</i>	<i>eating-and-drinking-of</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>fell</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>country-in-from</i>
čkā	bhalyā	mān'sā-chyā	gharī	dzāūn	tyā-chyā	dzava|	rāhulā Tēvhā
<i>one well-to-do</i>	<i>man of</i>	<i>to house</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>him of-near</i>	<i>lived</i>	<i>Then</i>	
tyā-na	tyās	āp'lyā	vāv'rāt	dukar	rākh'nyās	dhād'la	Tyā-yē|ī dukar
<i>him-by</i>	<i>to-him</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>into-field</i>	<i>swine</i>	<i>to-keep</i>	<i>it-was-sent</i>	<i>At-that-time</i>
jō -	bhus	khīt	hōtē	tō	bhus	khaūn	pōt bhar'nyās tō rājī dzhālā.
<i>what</i>	<i>chaff</i>	<i>eating</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>chaff</i>	<i>having eaten</i>	<i>belly to-fill he ready became</i>
Pan	tē	bhus-hī	tyās	kōnī	dēyē-nā	Asa	dzhālā tēvhā mag
<i>But</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>chaff-even</i>	<i>to-him</i>	<i>anyone</i>	<i>would-not-give</i>	<i>Such</i>	<i>became then after</i>
tyā-chē	dōlē	ughad'lō.	Mag	tyā-na	mhaṭ'la	kī,	'māhyā bāpā-chyā gharī
<i>him-of</i>	<i>eyes</i>	<i>opened</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>it-was-said</i>	<i>that,</i>	<i>'my father-of in-house</i>
bahu	sāl	karī	āhēt,	tyāhi-lā	pōṭā-pēkshā	jāst	bhākar ml'tē, an mī yētha
<i>many</i>	<i>servants</i>	<i>are,</i>	<i>them-to</i>	<i>belly than</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>bread</i>	<i>is got, and I here</i>
bhukē-na	mar'tō'						
<i>hunger-with</i>	<i>die</i>						

Vaiḥādī has also been returned as spoken in the southern part of Betul. The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will show that it is the same form of speech as that illustrated in the preceding pages. We may only note the forms *nabhatē*, for *navhatē*, was not, *mhat'la*, for *mhat'la*, it was said, and *tithas*, there

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VARHĀDĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BETUL)

एका मानसाले दोन पोर होते। त्यातल्या लाहण्या पोरान बापाले म्हतल कीं, दादा मामा हिस्सा करून दे। तेव्हा त्यान दोघा पोरानले बरोबर हिस्सा देछा। थोड्यास्याच दिवसा लाहन पोरग आपला हिस्सा घेऊन दुसऱ्या मुलुकांत गेला। तीथी जाऊन त्या पोरान बदफौली करून आपल सार धन बुडवल। जेव्हा त्यान सार धन उडवल, तेव्हा त्या मुलुकांत मोठा कार पडला। तेव्हा तो मोठा गरीबभाला। मग तो जाऊन तीयस येका किरसानाचे घरी राहिला। त्यान त्याले आपल्या वावरांत डुकर चारायले धाडल। तेव्हा त्यान त्याच सेंगान आपल पोट भरल, ज्याले कि डुकर खात होते। आणखिन त्याले कोन्ही काहीं भी देत नभते ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

VARHADI DIALECT

(DISTRICT BETUL)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mán'sā-lē dōn pōi hōtē Tyāt'lyā lāh'nyā pōrā-na bāpā-lē
One man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger son-by father-to
 mhat'la kī, 'dādā, mādzhā hissā karūn dē' Tavhā tyā-na dōghā
it-was-said that, 'father, my share having-made give' Then him-by both
 pōrā-lē barōbar hissā dēllā Thōdyāsyā-ts div'sā lāh'na pōr'ga āp'la hissā
sons to equal share was-given A-few-only in-days the-younger son his-own share
 ghōūn dusr'yā mulukāt gēlā Tīthi dzāūn tyā pōrā-na bad-phauli
having-taken another into-country went There having-gone that son-by debauchery
 karūn āp'la sāra dhan budav'la Jēvhā tyā-na sāra dhan
having-made his-own all wealth was-caused-to-be-drowned When him-by all wealth
 udav'la, tēvhā tyā mulukāt mōthā kār pad'la, tēvhā tō mōthā
was-squandered, then that into-country mighty famine fell, then he very
 garib dzhālā Mag tō dzāūn tithas yēkā kīr'sānā-chē gharī rāhilā Tyā-na
poor became Then he having-gone there one cultivator-of in-the-house lived Him-by
 tyā-lē āp'lyā vāv'rāt dukar tsārāy-lē dhād'la Tavhā tyā-na tyā-ts
him-to his-own into field the-swine to-feed it-was-sent Then him-by that-very
 sēngā-na āp'la pōt bhar'la, jyā-lē kī dukar khāt hōtē, ān'khm tyā-le
husks-with his own belly was-filled, which that the-swine eating were, and him-to
 kōnhī kāhī bhī dēt nabhatē
anybody anything even giving was-not

The Marāthī spoken in the rest of the Central Provinces is usually called Nāgpurī, from the head-quarter of the Marāthā kingdom of Berar and the Central Provinces. It has already been stated that this form of speech is identical with the dialect of Berar.

The district of Nagpur is situated in the very heart of the Nāgpurī country, and 540,050 speakers have been returned. The numbers have been stated to include speakers of the following dialects, (1) Varhādī, (2) Dakh'nī, (3) Kōnkani, (4) Dhan'gari, (5) Kēwatī, (6) Kōshtī, (7) Kumbhārī, and (8) Māhārī, but in each case the number is reported to be extremely small, and not worth counting. Dakh'nī is probably the Dekhan form of Marāthī, Kōnkani may mean any dialect spoken by settlers from the Konkan, Kēwatī is a mixed form of speech, based on Baghēli mixed with Marāthī. The other dialects mentioned above are also reported from other parts of Berar and the Central Provinces. It will be shown later on that none of them are proper dialects, but only local forms of the Marāthī current in the district in which they happen to be spoken.

Of the two Nagpur specimens which follow the first is a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the second the statement of an accused person. They will be found in all essential points to agree with the so-called Varhādī illustrated in the preceding pages. Note the frequency with which long vowels are shortened, thus, *as*, her, *ghars*, in the house, *ma*, I. The dative is always formed in *s* in the specimens, thus, *bāpās*, to the father. There is, however, no reason for distinguishing the dialect of the specimens from that current in Berar.

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(DISTRICT NAGPUR.)

SPECIMEN I

कोन्या एका मानसास दोन पोर होते। त्या-पैकी लहान बापास म्हनाला कि, वावा जमेत माझा जो हिस्सा असल तो मज दे। त्याने धन वाटुन देछ। थोड्या दिवसान लहान पोऱ्या सर्व घेऊन दूर देशी गेला। आनि तेथ उधळपट्टी करुन आपल धन उडवल। त्याने सर्व खर्चल्या-वर त्या देशात मोठा दुकाळ पडला। त्या-मुळे त्यास अडचन पडली। तेव्हा तो तेथच्या एका ग्रहस्था-जवळ जाऊन राहिला। त्यान त्यास डुकर चारायास आपल्या वावरात पाठवल। तेव्हा डुकर जो मुसा खातेत त्या-वर आपल पोटा भराव अस मनात आनल। कोनी काही त्यास देछ नाही। मग तो सुडी-वर एऊन म्हनाला, माझ्या बापाच्या घरी चाकरास

पोट-भर खायास मिळते, आणि मी भुकेन मरतो । आता मी आपल्या वापा-
कडे जातो व त्यास म्हनतो की, देवाच्या इच्छेच्या विरुद्ध व तुझ्या सामने पाप केल
आहे । म्हनुन मी तुहा लेक राहिलो नाही । मज आता चाकरा-सारख ठेव ।
मग तो आपल्या वापा-कडे गेला । त्यास दुसून पाहुन वाप गडिवरला । आणि
धाऊन-सऱ्या त्याच्या गळ्यास मिठी मारली, व त्याचा मुका घेतला । मग लेक
त्यास म्हनाला, वावा, देवाच्या विरुद्ध व तुझ्या सामने पाप केल, तर आता तुहा
लेक राहिलो नाही । पर वापान मानसास सांगितल कि, यास उत्तम आगरखा
आनुन घाल, आणि याच्या हातात मुदी व पायात जोडा घाल । मग आपन
खाऊन पिऊन आनंद कर । कारन की, हा माहा लेक मेला होता तो पुन्हा
जिता झाला व दवडला होता तो सापडला । अस म्हनुन आनंद करायास लागले ॥

त्या येक्रेस त्याचा वडिल लेक वावरात होता । तो घरा-जवळ एऊन पोहो-
चल्या-वर त्यान गान वजावन ऐकिल । चाकरा-पैकी एकास हाक मारुन पुसल कि,
हे काय चाळ आहे । त्यान सांगितल कि, तुहा भाऊ आला आहे व तो खुशाल
तुझ्या वापास मिळाला म्हनुन त्याने मोठी मेजवानी दिली आहे । तेव्हा त्यास राग
एऊन आत जायेना । म्हनुन त्याचा वाप वाहेर एऊन त्यास समजाउ लागला ।
परतु त्याने वापास जवाव देछा कि, मि इतकी वरस तुही चाकरी करतो, आणि तुही
आज्ञा कधी मोडली नाही । अस असुन त्या आपल्या मित्रा-बरोवर चैन कराय-
साठी त्या मला कोकस देखील देछ नाही । आणि ज्यान तुहा पैसा राडाही-बरोवर
उडवला तो तुहा लेक आला म्हनुन त्या त्याच्यासाठी मोठी मेजवानी देछी । तेव्हा
वाप म्हनाला, सुला तु सारा येळ माझ्या-बरोवर आहेस, आणि माही सारी जिनगी
तुहीच आहे । पर आनंद करावा हे जरूर होत । कारन की, तुहा भाऊ मेला
होता तो पुन्हा जिता झाला व दवडला होता तो सापडला आहे ॥

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MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURI DIALECT

(DISTRICT NAGPUR)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnyā ēkā mān'sās dōn pōr hōtē Tyā-pāukī lahān
Certain a to man two sons were Them-from among the-younger
 bāpās mhanālī kī, 'bābī dzamūt mīhā dzō hussī asāl
to the-father said that, 'father in the-estate my what share will-be
 tō madz dē' Tyā-nē dhan vāṭun dēlla Thōdyā
that to-me give' Him-by the-wealth having-divided was-given As-to
 dī'sā-na lahān pōryā sarv ghēūn dūr dēsī gēlī
days-after the-younger son all having-taken far-off into-a-country went
 ām tētha udhal'patṭī karun āp'la dhan ud'la
And there debauchery having-made his-own wealth was-squandered
 Tyā-nē sarv kharṭ's'yā-var tyā dēsīt mōthī duk īl pad'li
Him-by all had-been-spent-after that in-country great famine fell
 Tyā-mulē tyās ad'tsan pad'li Tēhā tō tēth'chyī ēkā grahasthā-
Therefore to-him difficulty fell Then he there-of one householder-
 dzavaḷ dzāun rīhulā Tyī-na tyīs dukar ts'ir'yās īp'lyā vār'rīt
near having-gone lived Him-by to-him some to-feed his-own in-a-field
 pāthav'la Tēhā dukar dzō bhu-ā khātēt tyā-var īp'li pōt
it-was-sent Then the-same what husks eat that-upon his-own belly
 bharāva asa manāt ān'la Kōnī kīhī tyās
s'ould-be-filled so in-the-mind it-was-brought Anyone(-by) anything to-him
 dēlla nāhī Mag tō suddhī-var ēūn mhanālī, 'mīhyī bīpī chyī
was-given not Then he senses-on having-come said, 'my father-of
 gharī ts'ik'rās pōt-bhar khāyīs mīṭē, ām mī bhukē-na m'ito
in-house to-servants belly-full to-eat is-got, and I hunger-with die
 ātā mī āp'lyā bīpī-kadē dzātō va tyīs mhan'itō kī, "Dō ī chyī
Now I my-own father-to go and to him (I)-say that, "Go of
 rōhhē-chyī viruddh va tūhyā sām'nē pīp kēla ihē, mhanun mī tūhā
the-will-of against and of-thee before sun made is, therefore I thy
 lēk rīhulō nīhī, madz ātā ts'ik'rī-sū'kha thēr'" Mag tō āp'lyī
son remained not, me now a-servant-like place'" Then he his-own

bāpā-kadō gēlā Tyās durun pāhun bāp
father-to went To-him from-a-distance having-seen the-father
 gāhvar'lā Āni dhāūn-sanyā tyā chyā galyās mithī
was-overcome-by-affection And having-run him-of to-the-neck an-embracing
 mār'li, va tyā-tsā mukā ghēt'lā Mag lēk tyās mhanālā,
was-struck, and him-of kiss was-taken Then the-son to-him said,
 'bābā, Dāvā-chyā viruddh va tuhyā sām'nē pāp kēla, tar ātā
'father, God-of against and of-thee before sin was-made, therefore now
 tuhā lēk rāhilo nāhi' Pāi bāpā-na mām'sās sāngit'lā kī,
thy son (I-) remained not.' But the-father-by to-the-men it-was-told that,
 'yās uttam āngar'khā ānun ghāl, āni yā-chyā hātāt
'to-this-one best coat having-brought put, and this-one-of on-the-hand
 mudī va pāyāt dzōdā ghāl, mag āpan khāūn piūn
a-ring and on-the-feet shoes put, then we having-eaten having-drunk
 ānand karu Kāran kī, hā māhā lēk mēlā hōtā, tō punhā
joy shall-make Because that, this my son dead was, he again
 jūtā dzhānā, va davād'lā hōtā, tō sāpad'lā' Asa mhanun ānand karāyās
alive became, and lost was, he is-found' So having-said joy to-make
 lāglē
(they)-began

Tyā-yēlēs tyā-tsā vadil lēk vāv'rāt hōtā Tō gharā-dzavaḷ
At-that-time him-of the-eldest son in-the-field was He house-near
 ēūn pōhōts'lyā-var tyā-na gāna bajāv'na aikila
having-come arriving-after him-by singing dancing was-heard
 Tsāk'rā-paiki ēkās hāk-mārun pus'lā kī, 'hō kāy tsālla
The-servants-from-among to-one having-called it-was-asked that, 'this what going-on
 āhē?' Tyā-na sāngit'lā kī, 'tuhā bhāū ālā āhē, va tō khusāl tuhyā
is?' Him by it-was-told that, 'thy brother come is, and he safe of-thee
 bāpās mīlālā mhanun tyā-nē mōthī mēj'vāni dīli āhē' Tēvhā tyās
to-father was-got therefore him-by great a-feast given is' Then to-him
 rāg ēūn āt dzāyē-nā Mhanun tyā-tsā bāp bāhēr ēūn
anger having-come inside would-not-go Therefore him-of father out having-come
 tyās sam'dzāu lāglā Parantu tyā-nē hāpās dzavāb dēllā kī,
to-him to-entreat began But him-by to-the-father an-answer was-given that,
 'mī it'hē varas tuhī tsāk'rī kartō, āni tuhī ādnyā kahī mōd'li nāhi.
'I so-many years thy service do, and thy order ever was-broken not
 Asa asun myā āp'lyā mītrā-barōbar chām karāy'sāthī tvā
Such being by-me my-own friends-with merriment making-for by-thee
 ma-lā kōk'ru dēkhil dēllā nāhi Āni jyā-na tuhā paisā rāndāhi-barōbar
me-to a-kid even was-given not And whom-by thy money harlots-with
 udav'lā tō tuhā lēk ālā mhanun tvā tyā-chyāsāthī mōthī mēj'vānī
was-squandered that thy son came therefore by-thee him-of-for great feast

dēlli ' Tēvhā bāp mhanāla, 'mulā, tu sārā-yēl māhyā-baīōbar āhēs,
was-given ' Then the-father said, 'son, thou all-time of-me-with art,
 ām māhī sārī jn'gī tuhī-ts āhē. Pai āmand karāvā hō dzarur
and my all estate thine-only is But joy should-be-made this necessary
 hōta Kāran kī tuhā bhāū mēlā hōtā, tō punhā jītā dzhālā, va
was Because that thy brother dead was, he again alive became, and
 davad'lā hōtā, tō sāpad'lā āhē.
lost was, he found is.'

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MARATHI

NAGPURI DIALECT

(DISTRICT NAGPUR.)

SPECIMEN II

STATEMENT OF AN ACCUSED PERSON

सवाल—पटगोवारीचा चिधु लोधी याच्या-कडे तु चाकरी होतास का ।

जबाब—होतो । सात आठ महिने चाकरी केली । गेल्या चैताचे मघात चाकरी सोडली ।

सवाल—चाकरी-वर होता तेव्हा कोठ राहत होता ।

जबाब—माहि ठेवलेली वायको इस घेऊन मि चिंधुचे घरात राहत होतो । माझ्या-कडे किरसानकीच काम होत । आनखिन मालकान जे काम सांगितल ते कराव । जेव्हा सार पिक जमा झाल व वावरात खळ केल तहि मि खळ्यात रात्रंदिवस रखवालिस राहत होतो । व माहि वायको घरि राहे ।

सवाल—चिधु कही-तरी खळ्यात राहेला होता ।

जबाब—तो कधी कधी खळ्यात निजे । एक कडव्याच्या पेंद्याचि लहानसी भोपडी केली होती । त्यात मि निजो ।

सवाल—तारिख १२ माहे मार्च सन १८६८ रोजी, म्हनजे सनवरी चिधु खळ्यात निजला होता ।

जबाब—हो निजला होता । त्या गोष्टीस दिड महिना झाला । त्या रात्रि मि भोपडी-मधे होतो व माहि वायको वस्तीत घरि होती । वावरी नव्हती ।

सवाल—चिंधु त्या दिवसी खळ्या-वर निजला होता, तर त्याच्या आगा-वर डागिने होते ।

जबाब—चिधु दिवस-भर खळ्या-वर होता । जेवायास घरि गेला नाहि । सध्या-काळी त्याचि सामु बलाड आलि घर गेला नाहि । भुक नाहि, म्हन सांगितले । त्या रात्रि खळ्या-वर निजला । त्याच्या आगा-वर सोन्याच कड, चादिच कड, सोन्याच्या ४ चद्रकड्या चांदिचा करदोडा आनि सोन्याचा छळा द्रतक होत ।

सवाल—आज कोर्टात पेश केलिले डागिने कोनाचे आहेत ।

जवाब—चिधुचे आहेत । तो निजला होता तेव्हा ते त्याच्या आगा-वरचे होते ।

सवाल—हे डागिने तुम्हा कवजात कसे आले ।

जवाब—त्या सनवारि दीन वाजता चेता झालो । तेव्हा चिधु मेला दिसला । त्यास कोन मारलं होतं माहित नाही । मग त्याच्या आगा-वरचे सारे डागिने काहाडुन निघालो । चिधुचे दोन्ही पाय मान पहिल्यानेच रस्त्याने कोन बांधले होते । त्याच्या डोसक्यातून रक्त चालू होतं । हा गोटा त्याच्या-जवळ पडला होता । चंद्रकड्या कान तोडून काहाडल्या नाही । लास विहिरित फेकून मि वायको-कडे गेलो, आणि छकड्या-वर तिस घेऊन गावी गेलो ।

सवाल—हा गोना चिधुचे खऱ्यातून तु काहाडून देछा का ।

जवाब—कडव्या-खालि म्या लपवून ठेवला होता । तो काहाडून देछा । हे धोच माझ आहे । माहि वायको नेसली होती । तिचा हात वनत नव्हता, म्हणून रक्ताचे डाग पडले । दोरास जे रक्ताचे डाग आहे ते वैलाच्या रक्ताचे आहे । खून केल्याच माझ्या-वर नाव एईल म्हणून लास अडात टाकली, आणि म्हणूनच डागिने हि लपवून ठेविले । आणि नाव न याव म्हणून पळून हि गेलो ॥

[No. 59.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI.

NĀGPURI DIALECT

(DISTRICT NAGPUR)

SPECIMEN II

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

- Savāl — Pat^gōvārī-tsā Chundhu Lōdhī yā-chyā-kadō tu
 Question — Pat^gōvārī (village)-of Chundhu Lōdhī him-of-near thou
tsāk^rri hōtās kū?
 in-service was what?
- Dzabāb — Hōtō Sāt āth mahinē tsāk^rri kēlī Gēlyā Chaitā-chō
 Answer. — (I)-was Seven eight months service was-done Past the-Chait-of
madhāt tsāk^rri sōd^hī
 in-the-middle service was-left
- Savāl — Tsāk^rri-var hōtā tēvhā kōḥha rāhat hōtā?
 Question — Service-on were then where living were?
 Dzabāb — Mālu ṭhōv^hlēlī bāy^kō is ghēūn mī Chundhu-chō
 Answer — My kept woman her having-taken I Chundhu-of
gharāt rāhat hōtō Māhyā-kadō kir^sān^ki-tsa kām hōtā Ān^khin
 in-house living was Of-me-near cultivation-of work was And
māl^kā-na jō kām sāngt^hla tē karāva Jēvhā sāra pik
 the-master-by what work was-told that would-be-done When all ripe-produce
jamā dzhāla, va vāv^rrāt khaḥa kēla, tahi mī
 gathered became, and in-field the threshing-floor was-made, then I
khaḥyāt rātran-divas rakh^vvāhs rāhat hōtō, va
 in-the-threshing-floor night-and-day for-taking-care-of living was, and
mālu bāy^kō gharī rāhē
 my wife at-home used-to-live.
- Savāl — Chundhu kahī-tari khaḥyāt rāhēlā hōtā?
 Question — Chundhu at-any-time in-the-threshing-floor living was?
 Dzabāb — Tō kadhī-kadhī khaḥyāt mje Ek kad^hbyā-chyā
 Answer — He sometimes in-the-threshing-floor slept One kad^hbyā-chyā
pēndyā-ohī lahān^si jhōp^di kēlī hōtī, tyāt mī nidzo
 bundles-of small hut made was, in-that I slept
- Savāl — Tārīkh bārā, māhō Mārch, san 1898, rōjī, mhan^jē,
 Question — Date twelve, month March, year 1898, on-day, that-is,
 San^vārī Chundhu khaḥyāt nidz^hlā hōtā?
 on-Saturday Chundhu in-the-threshing-floor sleeping was?

Dzabāb — Hō, nidz'lā hōtā Tyā gōsh'tis dūl mahinā
Answer — Yes, sleeping was That to-story one-and-a-half month
 dzhālā Tyā rātri mi jhōp'li-madhē hōtō va māhi b'v'kō vastit
became That on-night I the-hut-in was, and my wife in-village
 gharī hōti, vāv'iī navhatī
in-house was, in-the-field was not

Savāl — Chundhu tyā dū'sī kha'jā-vai nidz'lā hōtā tai
Question — Chundhu that on-day the-threshing-floor-on sleeping was then
 tyā-chvā āngā-vai dāginē hōtō?
him-of person-on ornaments were?

Dzabāb — Chundhu divas-bhai kha'jā-vai hōtā Jēvā-vā gharī
Answer — Chundhu the-whole-day the-threshing-floor-on was To-dine to-house
 gēlā nāhi Sandhyā-kālī tyā-chi sāsū balāu āhi, pa gēlā
went not In-the-evening his mother-in-law to-call came, but (he-)went
 nāhi Bhuk nāhi, mhun sāngit'lē Tyā rātri kha'jā-vai
not Hunger not, so it was-told That on-night the-threshing-floor-on
 nidz'lā Tyā-chvā āngā-vai sōnyā-tsa kada, ts'indī-tsa kada,
slept Him-of person-on gold-of bracelet, silver-of bracelet,
 sōnyā-chyā chāi chandra-kadyā, ts'indī-tsi kar'dōdā, ūni sōnyā-tsi chhallā,
gold-of four chandra-kadis, silver of waist-string, and gold-of a-ring,
 it'ka hōta
this-much was

Savāl — Ādz kōrtāt p's kēlēlē dāginē kōnā-chē i'ht?
Question — To-day in-the-court produced made ornaments whom-of are?

Dzabāb — Chundhu-chē āhēt To nidz'lā hōtā tev'hā tē tyā-chyā
Answer — Chundhu-of are He asleep was then they him-of

āngā-vara-ts hōtē
the-person-on-even were

Savāl — Hē dāginē tubhā kab'jāt kasī ilē?
Question — These ornaments of thee in-possession how came?

Dzabāb — Tyā San'vārī dōn vādz'tā chētā dzhālō Tēvhā
Answer — That on-Saturday two striking conscious I-became At-that-time
 Chundhu mēlā dis'lā Tyās kōnā mār'la hōtā mihit nāhi Mag
Chundhu dead appeared Him by-whom killed was known not Then
 tyā-chyā āngā-var-chē sārē dāginē kāhādun nighālō Chundhu-chē
him-of the-person-on-of all ornaments having-taken-off I-started Chundhu-of
 dōnhī pāv, mām pahilyā-nē-ts rassyā-nē kōnā bāndh'lē hōtē Tyā-chyā
both feet, neck at-first-even a-rope-with by-somebody tied were Him-of
 dōs'kyātun rakt tsālla hōtā Hā gōtā tyā-chvā-dzaval pad'lā hōtā
the-head-from blood passing was This stone him-of-near fallen was
 Chandra-kadyā kām tōdun kāhād'lyā nāhi Lās vāhrit
The-chandra-kadis ears having-cut were-taken-off not The-corpse into-a-well

phēkun mī bāy'kō-kadē gēlō, ānī tshak'dyā-vai tis ghēūn
having-thrown I wife-near went, and a-cart-on her having-taken
 gāvī gēlō
to-the-village went

Savāl — Hā gōnā Chindhu-chē khalyātun tu
Question — This cloth Chindhu-of the-threshing-floor-from (by-)thee
 kīhādun dēllā kī?
having-taken-out was-given what?

Dzabāb — Kad'byī-khāh myā lap'vun thēv'lā hōtā Tō
Answer — The-kadbā-grass-under by-me having-concealed kept was That
 kīhādun dēllī Hō dhōtra mūdza āhō, māhī bāy'kō nēs'li-hōtī
having-taken-out was-given This cloth mine is, my wife worn-had
 Tī-ts'ī hāt banat nvyhatā, mhanun raktā-ohē dāg pad'lē Dōrās jē
Her hand good was-not, therefore blood-of stains fell To-the-rope which
 raktā-ehē dāg ihō tē bailā-ohyā raktā-ohē āhē Khun kēlyā-tsa
blood-of stains are those an ox-of blood-of are Murder committing-of
 mūhyā-var nāv ēil, mhun lās adāt tāk'li,
of-me-on name (suspicion) will-come, therefore corpse into-a-well was-thrown,
 ānī mhuna-ts dāginō hī lap'vun thēv'lē, ānī nāv
and therefore-even the ornaments also having-concealed were-kept, and name
 na yūva mhun paḷun hī gēlō
not should-come therefore having-in also I-went

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

Question — Were you in the service of Chindhu Lodhī in Patgowari?

Answer — Yes, for seven or eight months I left the service in the middle of last Chait (March-April)

Question — Where did you live when you were in his service?

Answer — I used to take my wife with me and live in Chindhu's house. My business was to do the tillage and whatever else the master might ask me to do. When all the crops had been collected and the threshing had begun in the field, then I used to stay day and night on the threshing-floor in order to keep an eye on it, and my wife stayed in the house.

Question — Did Chindhu sometimes also stay on the threshing-floor?

Answer — From time to time he used to sleep there. A small hut had been built of bundles of Kadbā grass, in which I was wont to sleep.

Question — Did Chindhu sleep on the threshing-ground on the 12th March 1898?

Answer — Yes, he did. It was two and a half months ago. On that night I was in the hut, and my wife was in the village, in the house, and not in the field.

Question — Did Chindhu wear any ornaments on that day when he slept on the threshing-floor?

Answer —Chindhu stayed the whole day on the threshing-floor and did not go home for dinner. His mother-in-law came in the evening to call him, but he did not go. He said he was not hungry. He slept that night on the threshing-floor. He wore on his body a gold bracelet and a silver bracelet, and a moon-shaped ear-ring of gold, a waist-string of silver, and a gold ring.

Question —To whom do these ornaments which have to-day been produced in Court belong?

Answer —To Chindhu. He had them on his body when he slept.

Question —How did these ornaments come in your possession?

Answer —It was a Saturday. I awoke at two o'clock. Chindhu then seemed to be dead. I do not know who killed him. I then took all the ornaments from his body and went away. Somebody had bound Chindhu's feet and neck with a rope, and blood was flowing from his head. This stone was lying near him. I did not cut his ears in order to get his ear-rings. I threw the body in a well and went to my wife. Then I procured a cart and brought her to the village.

Question —Did you take this cloth from Chindhu's threshing ground?

Answer —I had put it under the threshing-floor, and thence I fetched it. This cloth is mine, and my wife had worn it. Her hand was not good (she was in her menses), and therefore there are blood stains. The blood stains on the rope are from the ox. I threw the corpse into the well because I was afraid of being called a murderer. That was also the reason why I hid the ornaments. And I also ran away in order to avoid suspicion.

Between Nagpur and Bejar lies the district of Wardha. The principal language is Marāthī, closely agreeing with the form which that language assumes in the neighbouring districts.

The specimen which follows has been printed in full because it is the only specimen which has been received in the Mōdī character. Note that the dative ends in *lā* or *s*, and the case of the agent usually in *nī*, thus, *ma-lā*, to me, *mān'sās*, to a man, *ārōpī-nī*, by the accused. The latter suffix is, of course, originally a plural suffix.

[No 60.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT WARDHA.)

STATEMENT OF AN ACCUSED PERSON

[No 60]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT WARDHA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Savāl —	Phuryādi-chē	tsāv ^{dh} it	dzāūn	phuryādi-var		
Question —	The-complainant-of	in-the-shop	having-gone	the-complainant-on		
gardi kēli,	yā-tsā ārōp	kalam 147	piamāṇē	tudz-var ālā, tar		
riot was-made,	this-of charge	section 147	according-to	thee-on came, then		
dzabāb kāy āhē ?						
repl'y what is ?						
Dzabāb —	Rōdz	Budh ^{vā}	divālī-ohē	pād ^{vā}	Kārtik	māsāt
Answer —	Day	Wednesday	the-Divālī-of	Pādavā	Kārtik	in-the-month
sakāl ^{chō}	prah ^{ri}	mī tōnd	dhūt hōtō,	tar	Māhādēv	ālā Tyā-nī
the-morning-of	time-at	I mouth	washing was,	then	Māhādēv	came Him-by
sāngit ^{lō}	lī,	'tudzhā	bhāū	Raghunāth	sōnār	Pāndurang
it-was-told	that,	'thy	brother	Raghunāth	goldsmith	Pāndurang
sōnārā-chō	dāthyā-pudhē	pad ^{lā}	āhē.	Mhanōn	mi va	Māhādēv
goldsmith-of	the-door-in-front	fallen	is	Therefore	I and	Māhādēv
mīlūn	gēlō,	tar	Raghunāth	rastyāt	pad ^{lā}	hōtā, va
together	went,	then	Raghunāth	in-the-street	fallen	was, and
dōkē	phut ^{lō}	hōtē,	va	hātās	rakat lāg ^{lō}	hōtē, va
head	broken	was,	and	to-the-hand	blood stuck	was, and
hi	gar ^{sād}	lāg ^{lō}	hōtē,	va	tyādz-lā	pānī
also	scratches	inflicted	were,	and	him-to	water
huśār	kēlē,	va	Siv	Gōvind	kānshitabal	yādz-lā
conscious	was-made,	and	Siv	Gōvind	a-constable	him-to
ān ^{lō} .	Tyādz-lā	dākhavilē,	va	Siv	Gōvind	mhanālā
it was-brought	Him-to	it was showed,	and	Siv	Gōvind	said that,
'Dēv ^{līs}	nākyā-var	ghēūn	dzā'	Tēvhā	Māhādēvā-ohē	khāsar
'to-Devls-(village)	the-outpost-on	having taken	go	Then	Māhādēv-of	cart
māgūn	Dev ^{līs}	ghēūn	ālō	va	nākyā-var	nēlē,
having-begged	to-Devls	having-taken	came	and	the-outpost-on	it-was-carried,
va	yā	kōrtāt	phuryādi	Raghunāth-nī	phuryādi	va
and this	in court	the-complainant	Raghunāth by	the-complainant	and	
phuryādi-ohē	dōghē	lēk	va	Siv Ratan	va-gēlē	yādz-var
the-complainant of	two	sons and	Siv Ratan	et-cetera	them-on	a-complainant

kēli hōti, parantu mi phuryādi-chē tsāv'dhit dzāun
made was, but by-me the-complainant-of in-the-shop having-gone
 phuryādi-vai gardi kēli nāhi, va kādi mār'nyās utsalli nāhi, va
the-complainant-on not was made not, and a-stick to-beat was-raised not, and
 Siv Ratan-lā hi mār'lē nāhī
Siv Ratan-to also it-was-beaten not

Kōrtā-ohē praśnā-ohē uttai Siv Gōvind kāmshatabal tē vėlēs
The-court-of question-of reply Siv Gōvind a-constable that at-time
 va ārōpi nambar 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 hē kōthō hōtū ma-lā māhit
and the-accused numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 these where were me-to known
 nāhī
not

Hi dzabāni ām-ohē samakshē va āmhi āy'kat ās'tānā ghet'li āhē, va
This statement our in-presence and we hearing being taken is, and
 ārōpi-nī dzō madz'hūi sāngt'lā tō khavū itī-nē hita lhlā
the-accused-by what account was-told that true manner-with here written
 āhē

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FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

Question — You have been charged under section 147 with having entered the shop of the complainant and having made a disturbance there. What do you answer to the charge?

Answer — On a Wednesday morning, the first day of the Divālī, in the month of Kārtik, I was washing my face, when Māhādēv came and told me that my brother the goldsmith Raghunāth was lying outside the door of the goldsmith Pāndurang. I and Māhādēv therefore went together and saw that Raghunāth had fallen in the street. His head was broken and there was blood on his hand, and there were also sorotoles on his hand. We made him drink some water, and brought him to himself. Then we fetched the constable Siv Gōvind, and showed him to him. He ordered us to take him (Raghunāth) to the customs' station in Devli. I borrowed a cart from Māhādēv and took him to the station in Devli. Raghunāth has made a complaint in this court against the complainant, and his two sons, and Siv Ratan and others. It is not true that I entered the shop of the complainant and made a disturbance, and I did not raise a stick in order to strike him, nor did I strike Siv Ratan. This is my answer to the question of the court. I do not know where the constable Siv Gōvind and the accused numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 were at that time.

This statement has been taken down in our presence and hearing, and the statement made by the accused has here been properly written.

Marāṭhī is also the principal language of the north-western part of Chanda. The local dialect is, in some places, called Jhāri, *i.e.* jungle-language. *Jhārī*, or forest-country is the name used to denote the north of Bhandara, Balaghat, and the Chhattisgarh

country Four thousand five hundred and fifty settlers from Berar have further been reported to speak Varhādi It may safely be assumed that all these names denote one and the same form of speech

The dialect of Chanda does not share all the characteristics of the neighbouring districts Thus, we do not find forms such as *dēlla*, given, *māhā*, my, *tyāhīs*, to them On the whole, however, the short specimen which follows will show that there can be no doubt about its classification as a form of the usual Marāthī of the Central Provinces

[No 61]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

एका पुरुषास दोन लहान मुल होती, एक मुलगा आणि एक मुलगी । मुलगा होता तो रुपान फार सुंदर होता, मुलगी साधारन होती । एके दिवशी ती उभयता मुल आरशा-पाशी खेळत असता मुलगा मुलीस म्हनतो । अग, ह्या आरशात आपन पाहु वर, सुंदर कोन दिसते । ते मुलीस वाईट वाटल । तिला समजल की, ह्यान हे आपल्याला हिनवायासाठी म्हटल । मग तिन वाया नवळ जाऊन भावाच गाहान सांगितल । ती म्हनाली, वावा, आरशात रुप पाहून समाधान पावाव, हे वायकाच काम, त्यात पुरुषान मन घालु नये । वापान दोघास पोटाशी धरून त्याचे समाधान केल । ती म्हनाला, मुलानो, तुम्ही भांडु नका । आज-पासून तुम्ही दोघ ही नित्य आरशात पाहत जा ॥

मुलगी म्हनाली, वावा, सोमा गवळी दुध घेऊन आला आहे । तो म्हनतो किती दुध देऊ । वाप म्हनतो, मुली, त्याला साग की, आज शेर भर दुध पुरे । उद्या दोन शेर घेऊन ये । मुलगी म्हनते, वावा, गवळी दुध कोठुन आनतो । वाप म्हनतो, तुला ठाऊक नाहि काय । त्याच्या घरी गाई आहेत, म्हशि आहेत । त्याचे दुध काढून तो आनतो । मुलगी म्हनते, वावा, गाय किती दुध देते, आणि म्हैस किती दुध देते । वाप म्हनतो, येक येक गाय दोन दोन शेर दुध देते, आणि म्हैस चार चार शेर देते ॥

[No 61]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

NAGPURI DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā purushīs dōn lahān mula hōtī, ēk mul'gā ānī ēk mul'gī Mul'gā
One to-person two small children were, one son and one daughter The-son
 hōtā, tō rupā-na phāi sundai hōtā Mul'gī sādharan hōtī Ekē
was, he appearance-by very beautiful was The-daughter common was One
 div'sī ti ubhay'tā mula ārsā-pāśī khēlat astā mul'gā mulis
on-day they both children the-mirror-near playing while-were the-son to-the-girl
 mhan'tō, 'aga, hyā ārsāt āpan pāhu bara, sundai kōn distē' Tē
says, 'Oh, this in-the-mirror we may-see well, beautiful who appears' That
 mulis vāt vāt'la Ti-lā samad'z'la kī, hyā-na hē āp'lyā-lā
to-the-girl bad appeared Her-to it-was-understood that, this-one-by this me
 hin'v'iyāsāthi mhat'la. Mag ti-na bāpā dzaval dzāun bhāvā-tsa
humiliating-for was-said Then her-by father near having-gone brother-of
 gār'hina sāngit'la Ti mhanāli, 'bābā, ārsāt rup pāhūn
complaint was-told She said, 'father, in-the-mirror face having-seen
 samādhān pāvāva hē bāy'kā-tsa kām, tyāt purushā-na man
satisfaction should-be-felt this women-of business, in-that a-man-by mind
 ghīlu na-yē' Bāpā-na dōghās pōtā-sī dharūn tyā-chē samādhān
to-put is-not-meet' The-father-by both the-brother-to having-held them-of consolation
 kēla. Tō mhanāli, 'mulānō, tumhī bhāndu na-kā Ādz-pāsūn tumhī
was-made He said, 'children, you quarrel do-not To day-from you
 dōgha hī nitya ārsāt pāhat dzā'
both also always in-the-mirror looking go'

Mul'gī mhanāli, 'bābī, Sōmā gav'li dudh ghēun ālā āhē
The girl said, 'father, Soma the-milkman milk having-taken come is
 Tō mhan'tō, "kiti dudh dōū?" Bāp mhan'tō, 'mulī, tyā-lā
He says, "how-much milk shall-(I)give?" The-father says, 'girl, him-to
 sing kī, "ādz sū-bhar dudh purē, udyī dōn sūr ghēun yē."
till that, "to-day a-see-full milk is-enough, to-morrow two sees having-taken come"
 Mul'gī mhan'tō, 'bābī, gav'li dudh kōthun intō?' Bāp
The girl says, 'father, the-milkman milk where-from brings?' The-father
 mhan'tō, 'tu-lī thāuk nīhū kīyē? Tvī chvī gharī gāi āhēt, mhasī
says, 'you-to have-not what? Him of in-house cows are, she-buffaloes

āhēt, tyā-chē dudh kādūn tō ān'tō' Mul'gi mhan'tē, 'bābā, gāy
are, them-of milk having-drawn he brings' The-girl says, 'father, a-cow
 kitī dudh dētē, ānī mhaīs kitī dudh dētē?' Bāp
how-much milk gives, and a-she-buffalo how-much milk gives?' The-father
 mhan'tō, 'yĕk yĕk gāy dōn dōn sēr dudh dētē, ānī mhaīs chār
says, 'one one cow two two seers milk gives, and a-she-buffalo four
 chār sēr dētē'
four seers gives'

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

A man had two small children, a boy and a girl. The boy was very pretty, the girl had an ordinary kind of face. One day both children were playing near a looking glass, and the boy said to the girl, 'come let us look at ourselves in the glass, to see which is the prettier.' The girl thought this to be malicious, and that her brother proposed to do so in order to humiliate her. She went to her father and complained of her brother, and said, 'father, to be fond of looking at one's face in the glass is the business of women, and men should not put their mind to such things.' The father embraced both and satisfied them. He said, 'children, don't quarrel. Both look in the glass in the future.'

The girl said, 'father, Sōmā, the milkman, has brought the milk, and he asks how much we want.' The father said, 'my daughter, tell him that one seer will do to-day and ask him to bring two seers to-morrow.' The daughter said, 'father, where does the milkman get the milk from?' The father answered, 'Don't you know that? He has got cows and buffaloes in his house, and he milks them, and so gets the milk.' Says the daughter, 'father, how much milk does a cow give?' Answers the father, 'each cow gives two seers milk, and each she-buffalo four.'

In Bhandara, Nāgpurī is the principal language. A considerable proportion of the population, however, also speak Rājasthānī, Bundēlī, Gōndī, and other aboriginal dialects.

The Marāṭhī of Bhandara is essentially the same as that current in Nagpur, as will be seen from a perusal of the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

[No. 62.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

NAGPURI DIALECT

(DISTRICT BHANDARA)

एका मानसास दोन पोर होते । त्या-पैकी लहान वापास म्हनाला, वावा,
 माम्या हिश्याची जमा मला दे । त्यान आपली जमा त्याहास वाटून देली । मग
 त्यान काहीक दिवसान आपली सर्व जमा घेऊन दुसऱ्या दूरच्या गावी गेला । तेथ
 जाऊन त्यान आपली पैशाची धुक्यांनी केली । त्याचा सर्व पैसा सरल्या-वर त्या
 गावी मोठा दुकाळ पडला व त्याज तगी भाली । मग तो त्या गावच्या एका मानसा-
 जवळ जाऊन राहिला । त्यान त्यास आपल्या वावरात डुकर चारन्यास पाठवले ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā	mān'sās	dōn	pōr	hōtē	Tyā-paikī	lahān	
<i>A-certain</i>	<i>to-man</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>Them-from-among</i>	<i>the-younger</i>	
bāpās	mhanālā,	'bābā,	mājhā	hīśā-chī	dzamā	ma-lā	dē'
<i>to-the-father</i>	<i>said,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>of-me</i>	<i>share-of</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>me-to</i>	<i>give'</i>
Tyā-na	āp'li	dzamā	tvāhās	vāṭūn	delli	Mag	tyā-na
<i>Him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>to-them</i>	<i>having-divided</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>
kāhik	div'sā-na	āp'li	sarv	dzamā	ghēūn	dus'ryā	dūr'chyā
<i>some</i>	<i>days-after</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>having-taken</i>	<i>another</i>	<i>distant</i>
gāvi	gēlā	Tētha	dzāūn	tyā-na	āp'li	paśā-chī	dhul'dhānī
<i>to-villages</i>	<i>(he-)went</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>wealth-of</i>	<i>waste</i>
kēli	Tyā-tsā	sarv	paśā	sar'lyā-var	tyā	gāvi	mōthā
<i>was-made</i>	<i>Him-of</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>wealth</i>	<i>expended-after</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>in-village</i>	<i>mighty</i>
dukāl	pad'lā,	va	tyādz	tangī	dzhālī	Mag	tō
<i>famine</i>	<i>fell,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>to-him</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>became</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he</i>
ēkā	mān'sā-dzaval	dzāūn	rāhulā	Tyā-na	tyās	āp'lyā	vāv'rāt
<i>a-certain</i>	<i>man-near</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>lived</i>	<i>Him-by</i>	<i>to-him</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>into-field</i>
duk'ra	tsār'nyās	pāthav'la					
<i>the-swine</i>	<i>to-feed</i>	<i>it-was-sent</i>					

In Balaghat Marāthī is spoken all over the southern part of the district, mostly side by side with Eastern Hindi, Marārī, and Gōndī

The lower classes use a mixed form of speech, locally known as Marhēti This dialect will be separately dealt with below See pp 304 and ff

The language of the upper classes, on the other hand, is pure Nāgpurī We are not in a position to decide how many speakers are to be assigned to it The local returns give the language of both as Marāthī

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son will be sufficient to illustrate the language of the upper classes It has been forwarded as representing the dialect of the women It will, however, be seen that it is nothing else than ordinary Nāgpurī

[No 63]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BALAGHAT)

कोन्या एका मानसास दोन लेक होते । त्यातला लहान लेक बापास
म्हनाला, बावा जो धनाचा हिस्सा मज येईल तो दे । मग त्यान आपल धन त्यास
वाटून देल । मग लहान लेक थोड्या दिवसान सगळ धन घेऊन पर-मुलकात गेला ।
मग तेथ वाटल तसा पैसा उडवला । मग सगळा त्याचा पैसा सरल्या-वर त्या
मुलकात मोठा काळ पडला । तेव्हा त्यास मोठी तगी होऊ लागली । तो त्या
गावातल्या एका मोठ्या मानसा-पासी राहिला । त्यान आपले डुकर चारायासाठी
आपल्या वावरात पाठवला ॥

Kōnyā	ēkā	mān'sās	dōn	lēk	hōtē	Tyāt'lā	lahān	lēk
Certain	a	to-man	two	sons	were	Them- ^m -from	the-younger	son
bāpās	mhanālā,	'bābā,	dzō	dhanā-tsā	hissā	maḍz	yēil	
to-the-father	said,	'father,	what	the-wealth-of	share	me-to	will-come	
tō	dē'	Mag	tyā-na	āp'la	dhan	tyās	vātūn	
that	give'	Then	him-by	his-own	wealth	to-him	having-divided	
della	Mag	lahān	lēk	thōdyā	div'sā-na	sag'la	dhan	
was-given	Then	the-younger	son	a-few	days-after	all	the-wealth	
ghēūn	par-mul'kāt	gēlā	Mag	tētha	vāt'la	tasā		
having-taken	into-another-country	went	Then	there	it-pleased(-him)	so		
paisā	udav'lā	Mag	sag'la	tyā-tsā	paisā	sar'lyā-var		
the-money	was-squandered	Then	all	him-of	the-money	was-spent-after		
tyā	mul'kāt	mōthā	kāl	pad'lā	Tēvhā	tyās	mōthī	tangī
that	in-country	mighty	famine	fell	Then	to-him	great	difficulty
hōū	lāg'li	Tō	tvā	gāvāt'lyā	ēkā	mōthyā	man'sā-pāsī	rāhēlā.
to-be	began	He	that	village-in-of	one	great	man-near	lived
Tyā-na	āp'lē	duk'ra	tsārāyāsāthī	āp'lyā	vāv'rāt	pāthav'la.		
Him-by	his-own	some	to-feed-for	his-own	into-field	it-was-sent		

Marāthī is also spoken in the southern part of Seoni and Chhindwara, below the hills. It is the usual Nāgpurī form of the language, and it is not necessary to give any specimens.

In Raipur, Marāthī is spoken in villages to the south of Nandgaon. The dialect is essentially identical with Nāgpurī, though there are some traces of the influence of the neighbouring Chhattisgarhī. Compare *khāy-chī man'shā*, desire to eat, *khēt*, field. The neuter gender is on the point of disappearing. Compare *dōn lēk'rā* (neuter) *hōtē* (maso), two sons were. The occasional writing of a cerebral *n* is only a learned orthography, and does not represent a different pronunciation.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son will be sufficient to illustrate this form of speech.

[No. 64.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT RAIPUR)

एका मनुष्याला दोन लेकराँ होते । लहान्या पोरान म्हणल की, बाबा जिनगी-मधे माझा जो वाटा आहे तो मला द्या । मग त्यान आपली संपत्ति वाटून दिली । लहान लेकरान सारी जायदाद एका ठिकाणी करून आपण परदेशात चालला गेला । तेथे काही दिवस राहून-सत्या जे काही त्याज-जवळ होत ते त्यान उडवून दिले । जसा उडवून दिली अन तेथे दुकाळ पडला अन तो अनाथ होऊन गेला । जेव्हा तो उपाशी मरू लागला तेव्हा तो कोन्या गृहस्थाच्या घरी गेला । अन-त्यान आपल्या खेता-मधे डूकर चारायस सांगितले । डूकर जो भूसा खातात तो खायची त्याची मनषा झाली, आणीक कोणी त्याला देत नव्हता । मग त्याला सुद झाली आणीक त्यान म्हण्टले की, माझ्या बापाच्या येथे काही माणसाला पुश्तकळ खायास मिळते अन मी उपाशी राहिलो । मी उठून आता आपल्या बापा-पाशी जाईन आणीक मी त्याला म्हनीन की, हे बाबा, म्या देवाच्या विरुद्ध व तुझ्या समोर पाप केले । मी आपला लेक म्हनायच्या योग्य नाही । व मला आपल्या मजुरा-प्रमाने समजा । मग उठून आपल्या बापा-पाशी जाऊ लागला ॥

[No 64.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

NĀGPURĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT RAIPUR)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ēkā	manushyā-lā	dōn	lēk'rā	hōtē	Lahānyā	pōrā-na	mhan'la
<i>A-certain</i>	<i>man-to</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>sons</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>The-younger</i>	<i>son-by</i>	<i>it-was-said</i>
kī,	'bābā,	jun'gī-madhē	māḍhā	dzō	vātā	āhē	tō ma-lā dyā'
<i>that,</i>	<i>'father,</i>	<i>the-property-in</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>what</i>	<i>share</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>that me-to give'</i>
Mag	tyā-na	āp'li	sampattu	vātūn	dili	Lahān	
<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>having-divided</i>	<i>was-given</i>	<i>The-younger</i>	
lēk'rā-na	sāri	jāy'dād	ēkā-ṭhukānī	karūn	āpan	par-dēsāt	
<i>son-by</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>together</i>	<i>having-made</i>	<i>himself</i>	<i>into another-country</i>	
tsāl'lā	gēlā	Tētha	kāhī	divas	rāhūn-sanyā	jē	kābi tyādz-dzaval
<i>moved</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>days</i>	<i>having-lived</i>	<i>what</i>	<i>anything of-him-near</i>
hōta	tē	tyā-na	ud'vūn		dila	Dzamā	
<i>was</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>having squandered</i>		<i>was-given</i>	<i>The-property</i>	
ud'vūn	dili,	an	tēthā	dukāl	pad'lā,	an	tō anāth
<i>having-squandered</i>	<i>was-given,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>famine</i>	<i>fell,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>he destitute</i>
hōūn	gēlā	Jēvhā	tō	upāsi	marū	lāg'lā,	tāv'hā tō
<i>having-become</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>starvation-with</i>	<i>to-die</i>	<i>began,</i>	<i>then he</i>
kōnyā	grihasthā-chyā	ghari	gēlā	An	tyā-na	āp'lyā	khētā-madhē
<i>a-certain</i>	<i>householder-of</i>	<i>to-the-house</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>field-into</i>
dūk'ra	tsārāy's	sāngit'la	Dūk'ra	dzō	bhūsā	khātāt	tō khāy-chī
<i>the-swine</i>	<i>to-feed</i>	<i>it-was-told</i>	<i>The-swine</i>	<i>which</i>	<i>husks</i>	<i>eat</i>	<i>that eating-of</i>
ryā-chī	man'shā	dzhālī,	ānik	kōnī	tyā-lā	dēt	navh'tā. Mag tyā-lā
<i>him-of</i>	<i>desire</i>	<i>became,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>anybody</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>giving</i>	<i>was-not Then him-to</i>
sud	dzhālī,	ānik	tyā-na	mhan't'la	kī,	'mājhyā	bāpā-chyā yēthā
<i>sense</i>	<i>became,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>it-was-said</i>	<i>that,</i>	<i>'my</i>	<i>father-of here</i>
kābi	mān'sā-lā	puška	khāyās	mi'tē,	an	mī	upāsi rāhy'tō Mī
<i>how-many</i>	<i>men-to</i>	<i>much</i>	<i>to-eat</i>	<i>is-got,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>hungry live I</i>
uthūn	ātā	āp'lyā	bāpā-pāsi	dzāin,	ānik	mī	tyā-lā mhanin
<i>having-arisen</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>my-own</i>	<i>father-near</i>	<i>shall-go,</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>him-to shall-say</i>
kī,	"hē	bābā,	myā	Dēvā-chyā	vuuddha	va	tuhyā samōi pāp kēla
<i>that,</i>	<i>"O</i>	<i>father,</i>	<i>by-me</i>	<i>God-of</i>	<i>against</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>of-thee before sin is-made</i>
Mī	āp'lā	lēk	mhanāy-chyā	yōgya	nāhi	Va	ma-lā āp'lyā
<i>I</i>	<i>your-own</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>of-being-called</i>	<i>worthy</i>	<i>am-not</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>me-to your-own</i>

majurā-pramānē	sam'dzā.''	Mag	uthūn	āp'lyā	bāpī-pāṣī	dzāū
servant-lī'e	consider''	Then	having-arisen	his-own	father-near	to-go
līg'lā.						
he-began						

DHAN'GARĪ.

One thousand eight hundred individuals in Chhindwara have been reported as speaking Dhan'garī, i.e. 'shepherds' language'. The specimens which follow will, however, show that this dialect is nothing but the usual form of Marāṭhī current in the Central Provinces. The Dative takes the suffix *lē* as in Betul, thus, *mān'sā-lē*, to a man.

The only peculiarity of the so-called Dhan'garī is a tendency to drop the final *a* which corresponds to *ē* in Standard Marāṭhī. Thus, we find *tyān*, by him, *sagāl dhan*, all property, and so on. This tendency is, however, also found among the Dhan-gars of the Bombay Presidency, see above, p. 97.

Note also the polite forms of the imperative *yē-dzō*, please come, *pāhē-dzō*, please look; the imperfect *bas'lēt*, were sitting; the third person plural of the present tense, *lhātē*, they eat, *dzātēt*, they go, etc.

On the whole, however, the Dhan'garī agrees with the Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces, just as the Dhangars of the Konkan speak the language of their own neighbours. Compare pp. 97 and ff.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA.)

SPECIMEN I.

कोन्या मानसाले दोन लेक होते । त्यातून लहान वापाले व्हाला, बावा आमच्या जो काही हिस्सा आहे तो वाटून दे । मंग त्यान त्याहिले धन वाटून दिले । मग योद्या दिवसांत लहान लेक सगळं धन जमा करून कोनी कडे दूर गांवी चालला गेला, आणि त्या देशांत जाऊन तो भिकारी झाला । धन उडून देऊन तऱ्हा त्या देशांत मोठा काळ पडला । मग त्याले मोठी गरीबी आली । तऱ्हा तो त्या गावातल्या एका मानसा जवळ जाऊन राहला । त्यान त्याले डुकर चारासाठी आपल्या वावरांत घाडले । मग त्यान व्हटल का, डुकर जे साल खाते ते खाऊन आपण पोटा भरव । आनीक त्याले कोन काही देऊ नाही ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

DHAN'GARĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnyī mām'sī-lē dōn lēk hōtē Tyātūn lahān bāpā-lē
I-certain man to two sons were Them-in-from the younger father-to
 mhanālī, 'bābā, ām-ohyā dzō-kāhī hussā āhō tō vātūn dē'
said, 'father, us-of whatever share is that having-divided give'
 Mang tyān tyāhī-lē dhan vātūn dila Mag thōdyā
Then him-by them-to wealth having-divided was-given Then a-few
 div'sāt lahān lēk saga| dhan dzamā karūn kōnī-kadē
in-days the-younger son all wealth together having-made elsewhere-to
 dūr gāvī tsāl'lā-gclā, ānī tyā dēsāt dzāūn tō bhikāri
far to-a-village went-away, and that in-country having-gone he a-beggar
 dzhlālā, dhan udūn dēll, tēvhā tyā dēsāt mōthā
became, wealth having-squandered was-given, then that in-country mighty
 kāl pad'lā Mag tyā-lē mōthī garibi ālī Tavhā tō tyā gāvāt'lyā
famine fell Then him-to great poverty came Then he that of-village
 ckā mām'sā-dzava| dzāūn rāh'lā Tyān tyā-lē dukar tsārāsāthī
one man-near having-gone lived Him-by him-to the-swine to-feed-for
 āp'lyā vāv'rāt dhād'lā Mag tyān mhatal kā, dukar
his-own into-field it-was-sent Then him-by it-was-said that, the-swine
 jū sal khātē tē khāūn apan pōt bharāv Ānik
chat husks eat that having-eaten by-me belly should-be-filled And
 tvā-lē kōn kāhī dēll nāhi
him to by-anybody anything was-given not

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

DHAN^AGARI DIALECT

(DISTRICT OHINDWARA)

SPECIMEN II

A POPULAR TALE

एक धनगर होता। तो बकरे चारायले गेला। त्यान आपल्या मुनेले सागी-
तल, माही भाकर घेऊन येजो। वारा वाजाची येळा झाली, तिले त्या भाकरीची याद
राहली नाही। एका वावरा-मंधी एक कुनवी आजत वाहत होता। तो
धनगर त्याच्या-पाशी गेला, त्या कुनव्याले म्हणते की, माहे बकरे आंब्या खाले
बसलेत। माहे बकरे पाहेजो। मी जेऊन येतो। तो जेवासाठी गेला। जेऊन पुनः
आला, बकरे बसलेच होत्या। पुनः त्यान आपल्या बक्या घेऊन गेला चारायले ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ek dhan'gar	hōtā	Tō	bak'rē	tsārāy-le	gēlā	'lyān	āp'lyā
A shepherd	there-was	He	sheep	to-graze	went	Ham-by	his-own
sunē-lē	sāngīt'la,	'māhi	bhākai	ghēūn	yē-dzō		Bārā
daughter-in-law-to	it-was-told,	'my	bread	having-taken	come-please		Twelve-
vādzā-chī	yēlā	dzhāli,	ti-lē	tyā	bhāk'ri-chī	yād	rāh'li
striking-of	time	became,	her-to	that	bread-of	recollection	remained
not							
Ekā vāv'rā-mandhī	ēk	kun'bi	āūt	vāhat	hōtā.	Tō	dhan'gar
One	field-in	one	cultivator	plough	driving	was.	That
shepherd							
tyā-ohyā-pāsi	gēlā,	tyā	kun'byā-lē	mhan'tē	ki,	'māhē	bak'rē
him-of-near	went,	that	cultivator-to	says	that,	'my	sheep
a-mango-tree-							
khālē	bas'lēt	Māhē	bak'rē	pāhē-dzō	Mī	jēūn	yētō
under	are-seated	My	sheep	look-after-please	I	having-dined	come
'							
Tō	jēvāsāthi	gēlā	Jēūn	punah	ālā,	bak'rē	bas'lē-ts
He	dinner-for	went	Having-dined	again	came,	the-sheep	seated-even
hōtyā	Punah	tyān	āp'lyā	bak'ryā	ghēūn	gēlā	tsārāy-lē
were	Again	him-by	his-own	sheep	having-taken	he-went	to-graze

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

A shepherd once went to graze his sheep, and he said to his daughter-in-law, 'come out and bring me bread' At noon she had quite forgotten all about the bread. Now a peasant was driving his plough in a field (close by). The shepherd went to him and said, 'my sheep are lying under that mango-tree. Please keep an eye on them while I go home to eat.' He then went away to get something to eat, and when he came back his sheep were still on the same spot. He then took them out to graze.

DZHĀRPĪ DIALECT

This dialect has been returned as spoken by 5,000 people in Ellichpur. It is essentially identical with the ordinary Marāṭhī of the district. A peculiarity of the dialect is the substitution of a cerebral *l* for a cerebral *d* when preceded by a vowel. Thus, *ghōlā*, a horse, *vāhalē*, Standard *vādhē*, he served. Occasionally, however, we find forms such as *dhād'lan*, it was sent. The genuine cerebral *l* is commonly pronounced as *r*, thus, *lār*, famine, *īr*, time, and the *l*, which is substituted for *d*, is probably pronounced in a similar way. Thus, the name of the dialect is often given as *Jhādpī*.

In other respects the dialect calls for few remarks. Note forms such as *āk'hāvā-lē*, in order to tend, *dhād'lan*, it was sent.

Two specimens have been received. The first, a version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, has not been printed in full. The second, a local form of the famous tale of Gōpichandra, contains poetical forms such as *bāiā*, to my child, *ghēūni*, having taken, and also some Eastern Hindī forms, such as *bāl*, han, *Gōpichandan*, oblique form of *Gōpichanda*, etc. On the whole, however, it closely agrees with the dialect of the first specimen.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀṬHĪ

DZHĀRPĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR)

SPECIMEN I

एका मानसाले दोन पोर होते । त्यातला लाहान पोरगा वापास म्हने,
वावा माझ्या हिशाचा माल मले देऊन टाक । त्या वत्ती त्यान आपली जिनगी दोघा
पोराले वाटून देली । मंग थोळ्याच दिवसा-मधी लाहान्या पोरान आपली सारी
जिनगी सावळली । मग तो दुसऱ्या मुलखा-मंधी फिरावाले गेला । तथी त्यान चहूल-
वार्जीत आपला सारा पैसा उकवला । जव्हा जवळचा सारा पैसा सरला, त्या
वखतीच त्या मुलकांत कार पळला ; अन त्याले खावा पिवाची मोठी अळचन
भाली । मग तो त्या मुलका-मंधच्या एका भल्या मानसाच्या घरी जाऊन त्याच्या-
पार्शी राहिला । तव्हा त्यान त्याले आपल्या वावरात डुकर राखावाले धाडलन ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā	mān'sā-lē	don	pōr	hōtē	Tyāt'lā	lāhān	pōr'gā	
One	man-to	two	sons	were	Them-in-from	younger	son	
bāpās	mhanē,	'bābā,	māhyā	hīsā-tsā	māl	ma-lē	dēūn	ṭāk'
to-father	said,	'father,	my	share-of	property	me-to	having-given	throw'

Tyā-vakti	tyā-na	āp ^{li}	jun ^{gi}	dōghā	pōrā-lō	vātūn
<i>At-that-time</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>both</i>	<i>sons-to</i>	<i>having-divided</i>
dēli	Mang	thōlyā-ts`	div ^{sā} -mandhī	lāhānyā	pōrā-na	āp ^{li}
<i>was-given</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>a-few-only</i>	<i>days-in</i>	<i>the-younger</i>	<i>son-by</i>	<i>his-own</i>
sārī	jun ^{gi}	sāval ^{li}	Mang	tō	dus ^{ryā}	mul ^{khā} -mandhī
<i>all</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>was-collected</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>another</i>	<i>country-into</i>
phurāvā-lē	gēlā	Tathī	tyā-na	tsahūl-bājīt	āp ^{lā}	sārā
<i>from neyung-to</i>	<i>went</i>	<i>There</i>	<i>him-by</i>	<i>in-wantonness</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>all</i>
paśā	ulav ^{lā}	Dzavhā	dzaval-tsā	sārā	paśā	sar ^{lā} , tyā
<i>money</i>	<i>was-squandered</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>near-of</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>money</i>	<i>was-spent, that</i>
vakh ^{ti} -ts	tyā	mul ^{kāt}	kāi	pal ^{lā} , an	tyā-lō	khāvā-pivā-chi
<i>time-very</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>in-country</i>	<i>famine</i>	<i>fell, and</i>	<i>him-to</i>	<i>eating-and-drinking-of</i>
mōthi	al ^{tsan}	dzhālī	Mang	tō tyā	mul ^{kā} -mandh ^{chyā}	ekā bhalyā
<i>great</i>	<i>difficulty</i>	<i>became</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>he that</i>	<i>country in-of</i>	<i>one well-to-do</i>
mān ^{sā} -chyā	gharī	dzāūn	tyā-chyā-pāsī	rāhulā	Tavhā	tyā-na
<i>man-of</i>	<i>to-house</i>	<i>having-gone</i>	<i>him-of-near</i>	<i>lived</i>	<i>Then</i>	<i>him-by</i>
tyā-lē	āp ^{lyā}	vāv ^{rāt}	dukar	rākhāvā-lē	dhād ^{lan}	
<i>him-to</i>	<i>his-own</i>	<i>in-field</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>to-tend</i>	<i>it-was-sent</i>	

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

DHARPI DIALECT

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR)

SPECIMEN II

A POPULAR SONG

गोपिचद राजियाचे सोनियाचे वाल ।
 विजल्या घोळि-वर सार भाला ॥
 आगी लेला भगावागा कानी कुडल लिक्लेला ।
 चेला गोसायाचा भाला ॥

माता बोलली मैनावती जोगदड नोको घेऊ ।
 राज कोनाले देऊ भोवर वगल्याचा ॥
 गोपिचद जाते वना रयत रळते डुरडुर ।
 नाहीं नेतराले जल मैनावतिच्या ॥

गोपिचद जाते वना रयत मनी गयवरली ।
 मनी खुशाल भाली मैनावती ॥
 वारा गोपिचदा जोगदंड देईन ।
 पुळ चालवून घेईन भोवर वगल्याच राज ॥
 लळू नोको भुरू नोको चफावती वहेनी ।
 आला जोग घेजनी गोपिचद राजा ॥
 गोपिचदन भाया पोरा आला सन ।
 वैला जेवू वाइळे कोन वहीन बोलली चंफावन ॥

गोपिचदन भाया आसीन आला सन ।
 पाटी वसवल कोन माझ्या काशीच्या वरजुन ॥
 गोपिचदन माझ्या भाया दिवारी आला सन ।
 वोरवन करल कोन सजना वाचुन ॥

बारा वरस भाले गोपिचंदाच्या ज्यानीले ।
 मुदुरका येनीले बहीनी चंफावंतीच्या ॥
 भाया माझ्या गोपिचंदा बारा वरसाची तुही जानी ।
 कोन देईल पानी तुझ्या आंघोरीले ॥
 गोपिचंद बोलला बारा वरसाची माही जानी ।
 अळचा वरसाची माही रानी देईल मले पानी आंघोरीले ॥
 भाया माझ्या गोपिचंदा कोवरी तुही जानी ।
 तुझ्या आंघोरीले कोऱ्या घागरीचा पानी ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

LHARPI DIALECT

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR)

SPECIMEN II.

A POPULAR SONG

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Gōpichanda rājyā ohē sōnyā-ohē bāla,
Gōpichanda king-of gold-of han,
 Bijalyā ghōhī-vara sūra dzhālā
(Swift-as-) lightning marc-on mounted became

Angī lalā dzhagā-būgā kani kundala lkalālā,
On the-body was-taken robe-etcetera in-the-ear earring was-put,

Chelā gōsiya-tsū dzhālā
Disciple ascetic of he-became

Mātā bolali Maināvanti, 'dzōga danda nō-kō ghēū
The-mother said Maināvanti, 'world-1 emunciation not-should take

Rājā konā-lē deū bhovara Bangalyā-tsū ?
Kingdom whom to shall-I-give large Bengal-of ?

Gōpichanda dzātō vanā, rayat ralatō dura dura
Gōpichanda goes into forest, subjects cry bitterly.

Nāhī nctarā-lē dzala Maināvanti ohyā
Not eyes-to water Maināvanti-of

Gōpichanda dzātō vanū, rayat manī gayavarali.
Gōpichanda goes into-forest, subjects in-mind grieve

Manī khuśāla dzhālī Maināvanti
In-mind happy became Maināvanti

'Bārā Gōpichanda dzōga danda dēina,
'To-my-child to-Gōpichanda renunciation I-shall-give,

Puja tsālāvūna ghēina bhōvara Bangalyā-tsa rājā
Hereafter having conducted I-shall-take wide Bengal-of kingdom'

'Laḷū nōkō, dzhuū nōkō Champhāvantī bahīnī
'Cry do-not, pine do-not Champhāvantī sister

Ālā dzōga ghēūnī Gōpichanda rūḍḷī'
Came meditation having-taken Gōpichanda king'

'Gōpichandana bhāyā, Pōrā ālā sana
'Gōpichanda brother, Pōrā has-come festival

Bailā jēvū vāhaḷē kōna?' bahīna bōhali Champhāvana
Bullock to-eat will-serve who?' sister said Champhāvana

'Gōpichandana bhāyā, Āsīna ālā sana,
'Gōpichanda brother, of-Āsīna came festival,

Pātī basavala kōna māhyā Kāśi-ehyā varaduma?
On-sent will-place who my Kāśi-of except'

'Gōpichandana māhyā bhāyī, Divārī ālā sana
'Gōpichanda my brother, Divārī came festival

Bōravana karala kōna sadzanī vātsumi?
Giving-away will-make who good-person except'

Bārā varasa dzhālē Gōpichandā-ehyā jyīnī-lē
Twelve years became Gōpichanda-of youth-to

Mundurakā vēnī-lē bahīnī Champhāvantī-ehyā.
Ornaments braid-to sister Champhāvantī-of

'Bhārā māhyā Gōpichandā, bīrā varasī-chī tuhī jānī
'O-brother mine O-Gōpichanda, twelve years-of thy youth

Kōna dēila pānī tuhyā ānghōrī-lē?
Who will-give water thy bath-for?'

Gōpichanda bōlālā, 'bārā varasā-chī māhī jānī,
Gōpichanda said, 'twelve years-of my youth,

Alatsā varasā-chī māhī rānī, dēila ma-lē pānī ānghōrī-lē'
Two-and-a-half years-of my queen, will-give me-to water bath-for'

'Bhāyā māhyā Gōpichandā, kōvari tuhī jānī,
'O-brother mine O-Gōpichanda, 'delicate thy youth,

Tuhyā ānghōrī-lē kōryā ghāgarī-tsā pānī'
Thy bathing-for new jar-of water'

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

The golden haired king Gōpichanda mounted his horse, which was swift like the lightning. He put on a robe and earrings in his ears. He went and became the disciple

of an ascetic. Said Mammavanti, his mother, 'Do not renounce the world. To whom shall I then give the kingdom over wide Bengal?'

Gopichanda went into the forest. His subjects cried bitterly, but no tears came in Mammavanti's eyes. Gopichanda went into the forest. His subjects felt grief in their minds, but Mammavanti became happy at heart. 'I will let my child Gopichanda renounce the world,' she thought, 'and then I will myself wield the sceptre of wide Bengal.'

Do not weep, do not grieve, sister Champhivanti. King Gopichanda has renounced the world.'

Said his sister Champhivan, 'O my brother Gopichanda, the Pōjā¹ festival has come. Who will serve food to the bullocks?'

'O my brother Gopichanda, the festival of the Āsvin month has come. Who will place me on my seat except my kāsī?'

O Gopichanda, my brother, the Divilī festival has come. Who will send me to the husband's house, except the good friend?'

Twelve years of Gopichanda's youth passed. Rings were put into the braided hair of his sister Champhivanti.

'O my brother Gopichanda, you are now twelve years of age. Who will give you water for your bathing?'

Said Gopichanda, 'my age is twelve years, my queen is two and a half, and she will give me water for my bathing.'

'O my brother Gopichanda, your youth is delicate, and you get water for your bathing from a new jar.'

GŌVĀRI

The Gōvārs or cowherds are often stated to speak a separate dialect, called Gōvāī. In reality, however, no such form of speech exists. The Gōvārs of Hoshangabad speak Bundeli, in Chhindwara and Chanda they speak the usual Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces, and in Bhandara some of them speak Bundeli and others Marāṭhī. The estimated number of Marāṭhī-speaking Gōvārs is as follows --

Chhindwara	2,000
Chanda	500
Bhandara	150
TOTAL	<u>2,650</u>

No specimens have been received from Chanda. There cannot, however, be any doubt that the Gōvārs speak the ordinary Marāṭhī current in the district.

The so-called Gōvāī of Chhindwara is the usual Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces, with very few peculiarities.

The final *a* in strong neuter bases, in the case of the agent, and in verbal forms, corresponding to *e* in Standard Marāṭhī, is often dropped, thus *tyān*, by him, *pōṭ bharāv*, the belly should be filled, *bhukan*, with hunger. Similarly also *sāman*, Standard *sām'nē*, before.

¹ The Pōjā is a festival in honour of cattle, celebrated on the day of the new moon of Śrāvana or Bhādrapada. Bullocks are exempted from labour, variously dandied and decorated, and paraded about in worship.

Ē is sometimes substituted for *ɛ*, and *ō* for *u*, thus, *dēll* and *dīla*, given, *tōhā*, thy. In *st'hē vars dzhālē*, so many years have past, *vars* has become masculine, the influence of the neighbouring Bundelī having occasioned the disappearance of the neuter gender. In *tyān tē sarv dhan vātūn dēllī*, him-by that all property having-divided was given, the verb is put in the feminine though the qualified noun is neuter. A similar confusion seems to occur in *hyā pōryā*, this son, where *hyā* apparently is the neuter form *hē*, compare *pālō*, see

A corresponds to Standard Marāṭhī *ē* in forms such as *bhukhan*, with hunger, *tyā vēlas*, at that time, *ɛāh'las*, thou livest

The cerebral *u* is very irregularly used, thus, *mhan'la* and *mhan'la*, it was said. It is probably always pronounced as a dental *u*

The cerebral *l* is regularly used. The only exception is *lāl*, famine, which seems to be a Hindī loan-word

Characteristic words occurring in the specimen are *tut*, thou, *tutyā*, *ɛ*, *tuchyā*, thy (oblique), *tē hātē*, they eat

The Gōvārs in the Bundelī-speaking tract of Chhindwār speak Bundelī, and some of the irregularities mentioned above are perhaps due to intercourse with them. On the whole, however, the specimen which follows will be seen to agree with the usual Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces

[No. 69]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

GOVARI DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA.)

कोन मानसाले दोन पोर होते । त्यातल्या लाहान्यान वापाले म्हणल वापा माहा जो हिस्सा येईल तो मले दे । त्यान ते सर्व धन त्याहीले वाटून देछी । लहान भावान सगळ धन जमा करून दुसऱ्या गांवात चाछा गेला । तेथ त्यान वदमासीत सर्व पैसा उडून देछा । मग त्या गावात काल पडला । मग तो मोठा भीकारी झाला । तऱ्हा तो एका मानसा जवळ चाकर राहला । त्यान त्याले डुकर चारासाठी वावरात धाडल । मग त्यान म्हटल की डुकर जे खाते ते खाउन आपण पोट भराव । आन त्याले कोन काही देल नाही । मग त्यान म्हणल की, माझ्या वापाच्या घरी कीर्तीक लोकाले चागली भाकर मिळते । आन मी भुक्कन मरतो । मी आता आपल्या वापा पासी जातो, आन त्याले म्हणीन की, मी मोठ पाप केल आता मी तुझा पोरान नोहे । मी तुझ्या घरचा चाकर आहो । मग तो तिथून आपल्या वापा पासी गेला । मग त्याच्या वापान त्याले पाहल । तऱ्हा तो त्याच्या जवळ धावत आला, आन त्याच्या गळ्याले विलगून गेला, आनिक त्याचा मुका घेतला । मग त्याचा पोरान त्याले म्हटल, बावा म्या तुल्या सामन मोठ पाप केल । आता तू मले आपला पोऱ्यामानू नको । पन वापान आपल्या चाकाराले सागतल की चागल आगरख आन, आन झाले घालून दे, आनिक त्याच्या वोटांत मुद्दी घाल, आनिक पायांत जोडा घाल, मग आपन अन खाऊ । काहून की ह्या माहा पोऱ्या इतके दिवस मेल होता आता तो जीता झाला, आनिक हरपला होता तो मापडला मृन त्याले मोठी खुसी झाली ॥

त्या वेळस त्याचा वडील पोरान वावरात होत । मग तऱ्हा तो घरी आला तऱ्हा त्यान नाच पाहेला । तऱ्हा त्यान एका चाकाराले वलावल आनिक म्हणल की हे काय होय, तऱ्हा त्यान सागतल की तुझा भाऊ आता आला आन तो आपल्या वापा पासी गेला म्हून त्यान मोठ जीवन देछ । तऱ्हा तो मधी जात नव्हता । तऱ्हा त्याचा वाप वाहीर आला आन त्याले समजोल । पन त्यान वापाले म्हणल की पाहे इतके वर्स झाले मी तुही चाकरी करतो आन म्या तुह बोलन कधी ही तोडल

नाही । तरी तून् मी आपल्या दोस्ता वरोवर खेलाव म्हणून मले वकरीच पीलू
 देख नाहीस । आनिक ज्यान तुह सर्व धन किमवीनी वरावर उडून देख तो तुहा
 पोऱ्या आला मून तून् सर्वाले मोठ जेवन देख । तऱ्हा त्यान त्याले म्हनल की पोरा
 तुत माहा वरावर सदाई राहतस आन माहा सर्व धन तोहच आहे । पन खुसी
 कराव हे वरावर आहे काहून का ह्या तुहा भाऊ मेला होता तो आता जीता
 झाला आन हरपला होता तो आता सापडला ॥

[No 69]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

GŌVĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōn mām'sā-lē dōn pōr hōtē Tyāt'lyā lāh'nyān
A-certain man-to two sons were Them-in-from the-younger-by
 bāpā-lē mhan'la, 'bāpā, māhā dzō hussā yēil tō ma-lē dē'
the-father-to it-was-said, 'father, my what share will-come that me-to give'
 Tyān tē sarv dhan tyāhi-lē vātūn dēlli Lahān
Him-by that all wealth them-to having-divided was-given The-younger
 bhāvān sagal dhan jamā karūn dus'ryā gāvāt tsāllā
brother-by all wealth together having-made another into-village moved
 gēlā Tētha tyān bad'māsīt sarv paisā udūn
went There him-by in-debauchery all money having-squandered
 dēllā Mag tyā gāvāt kāl pad'lā Mag tō mōthā bhikārī
was-given Then that into-village famme fell Then he great a-beggar
 dzhālā Tavhā tō ēkā mām'sā-dzava| tsākar rāh'lā Tyān tyā-lē dukar
became Then he one man-near a-servant lived Him-by him-to the-swine
 tsārāsāthī vāv'rāt dhād'la Mang tyān mhatal kī, dukar
feeding-for into-the-field it-was-sent Then him-by it-was-said that, the-swine
 jē khātē tē khāūn āpan pōt bharāv Ān tyā-lē
what eat that having-eaten by-himself the-belly should-be-filled And him-to
 kōn kāhi dēll nāhi. Mag tyān mhan'la kī, 'māhyā
by-anybody anything was-given not Then him-by it-was-said that, 'my
 bāpā-chyā ghari kitik lōkā-lē tsāng'li bhākar mī'tē, ān mī
father-of in-house how-many people-to good bread is-got, and I
 bhukan mar'tō Mī ātā āp'lyā bāpā-pāsī dzātō, ān tyā-lē mhanin
hunger with die I now my-own father-near go, and him-to will-say
 kī, "mī mōth pāp kēl Ātā mī tuhā pōrā nōhē Mī
that, "by-me great a-sin was-made Now I your son not-am I
 tuhyā ghar'tsā tsākar āhō" Mang tō tēthūn āp'lyā bāpā-pāsī
your house-staying servant am" Then he there-from his-own father-near
 gēlā Mag tyā-ohyā bāpān tyā-lē pāhal, tavhā tō tyā-chyā-dzava|
went Then him-of father-by him-to it-was-seen, then he him-of-near
 dhavat ālā, ān tyā-chyā galyā-lē bil'gūn gēlā, ānk tyā-tsā
running came, and him of the-neck-to having-clung went, and him-of

mukā ghēt'lā Mang tyā-chyā pōiān tyā-lē mhatal, 'bābā, myā
a-kiss was-taken Then him-of the-son-by him-to it-was-said, 'father, by-me
 tutyā sāman mōth pāp kēl Ātā tū ma-lē āp'lā pōiyā māmū
thee of before great a-sin is-made Now thou me-to thy-own son consider
 na-kō ' Pan bāpān āp'lyā tsāk'rā-lē sāngatal kī, 'tsāng'la
should-not. ' But the-father-by his-own servant-to it-was-told that, 'good
 āngar'kha ān, ān hyā-lē ghālūn dē, ānik tyā-chyā bōṣāt
a-coat bring, and this-to having-put-on give, and him-of on-the-finger
 mundi ghāl, ānik pāyāt dzōdā ghāl, mang āpan an khāu
a-ring put, and on-foot a-shoe put, then we food shall-eat
 Kāhūn kī, hyā māhā pōiyā it'kē divas melū hōtā, ātā tō jītā
Because that, this my son so-many days dead was, now he alive
 dzhālā, ānik haiap'lā hōtā, tō sāpad'lā ' Mūn tyā-lē - mōthī khusi
became, and lost was, he is-found ' Therefore them-to great joy
 dzhālī
became

Tyā vēlas tyā-tsā vadil pōrag vāv'rāt hōt Mang dzavhā tō
That at-time him-of eldest son in-the-field was Then when he
 gharī ālā, tavhā tyān nāts pāhēlā Tavhā tyān ēkā
to-the-house came, then him-by a-dance was-seen Then him-by one
 tsāk'rā-lē balāval, ānik mhan'la kī, 'hē kāy hōy' ? Tavhā
servant-to it-was-called, and it-was-said that, 'this what is' ? Then
 tyān sāngatal kī, 'tuhā bbāu ātā ālā, ān tō āp'lyā
him-by it-was-told that, 'thy brother now came, and he your-own
 bāpā-pāsī gēlā, mhūn tyān mōth jēv'n dēll ' Tavhā tō
father-near went, therefore him-by great a-feast was-given ' Then he
 mandhī dzāt navhatā Tavhā tyā-tsā bāp bāhīr ālā, ān tyā-lē
into going was-not Then him-of father out came, and him-to
 sam'dzōl, pan tyān bāpā-lē mhan'la kī, 'pāhē, it'kē vars
entreated, but him-by the-father-to it-was-said that, 'see, so-many years
 dzhālē, mī tuhi tsāk'rī kar'tō, ān myā tuh bōlan kadhi hī tōdal
became, I thy service do, and by-me thy speech ever even was-transgressed
 nāhī, tarī tūn, mī āp'lyā dōstā-barōbai khēlāv, mhanūn
not, still by-thee, by-me my-own friends-with it-should-be-played, having-said
 ma-lē bak'rī-ts pilū dēll nāhis, ānik jyān tuh sarv
me-to a-goat-of a-young-one was-given not, and whom-by thy all
 dhan kis'bīni-barābar udūn dēll, tō tuhā pōryā ālā,
wealth has lots-with having-squandered gave, that thy son came,
 mūn tūn sarvā-lē mōth jēv'n dēll ' Tavhā tyān tyā-lē
therefore by-thee all-to great a-feast was-given ' Then him-by him-to
 mhan'la kī, 'pōrā, tut māhā barābai sadāi rāh'tas, ān māhā sarv
it-was-said that, 'son, thou of-me with always livest, and my all

dhan tōha-ts āhē, pan khusī karāv hē barābai āhē, kākūn
wealth thine-alone is, but joy should-be-made this proper is, because
 kā, hyā tuhā bhāū mēlā hōtā, tō ātā jītā dzhālā, ān haīap'lā hōtā,
that, this thy brother dead was, he now alive became, and lost was,
 tō ātā sīpad'lā.
he now is-found '

It has already been remarked that some of the Gōvārīs of Bhandara speak Bundeli and others Marāthī. During the preliminary operations of this Survey, 150 of them were reported to speak a separate dialect. The specimen printed below will show that this dialect is in reality the usual Marāthī of the district. It is, however, not an unmixed form of speech, but has been influenced by the various broken dialects of the neighbourhood.

The Anunāsika is usually dropped, thus, *ātā*, now, *taṭhā*, then. Sometimes, however, it is preserved or changed to *u*, thus, *ātā*, now, *karūn*, we shall make.

The cerebral *t* has always been written as *th*, thus, *pōth*, belly, *vāthā*, share.

The cerebral *u* is very irregularly used, thus, *mān'sā-lē*, to a man, *pānī*, water.

The cerebral *l* is always distinguished from the corresponding dental sound. It is pronounced as everywhere in the Central Provinces, thus, *dzaval* and *dzavan*, near, *mur'lā*, he was found.

The neuter gender is constantly confounded with the masculine, thus, *hā kā āhē*, what is this? *it'lē varsū dzhālē*, so many years passed, *āp'lā kama-ts*, our business.

The dative takes the suffix *lē*, thus, *bāpā-lē*, to a father. 'To him' is *tyā-lā* and *tyā-lē*, 'their' *tyāhi-tsā*. The suffix of the agent-instrumental is *nē* or *na*, thus, *bhukē-nē*, with hunger, *bāpā-na*, by the father.

The verb substantive is *āhā* and *āhō*, I am, *āhē* and *āhēs*, thou art, *āhē* and *āhēt*, they are, etc.

The present tense of finite verbs is usually formed as in the common Marāthī of the district, thus, *mī mar'tō*, I die, *tē mār'tē(t)*, they strike. Irregular forms are *mī dzātū*, I go, *mī mān'tā*, I strike, *āmhi dzāhun*, we go. The final *u* of the latter form is probably for the Anunāsika.

The past tense of intransitive verbs is regular. *Mī ālun*, I have come, stands for *mī ālō*. *Mī gēlā*, I went, is apparently a perfect.

The past tense of transitive verbs is sometimes regularly formed, thus, *tyā nē vāthā karūn dēlā*, him-by division having-made was given. The first person singular, however, ends in *lō*, the third person singular often in *lan*, and the first person plural in *lū*, thus, *mī pāp kēlō*, I did sin, *tyā-na tyā-lē dhād'lan*, him-by him it-was-sent, *āmhi mān'lū*, we struck, *āp'lī sampat khōūn dēllan*, he squandered his property. It will be seen that the construction is sometimes active, and there is a distinct tendency to disregard the difference between the two conjugations. Thus we also find *lō gēlan*, he went.

Forms such as *mī asūn*, I shall be, I may be, *mī mān'ūn*, I should strike, which are reported to exist, do not occur in the specimen.

In other respects the dialect will be seen to agree with the usual Marāthī of the district.

[No 70]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

GŌVĀRĪ DIALECT.

(DISTRICT BHANDARA)

एका माणसाले दोघ लेक होते । दोघा पोरा-मंघील लहान पोचा बापाले बोलला । बाबा जो पैसा आहे त्याचा वाठा माझा माले दे । मंग त्याने पैसाचा

वाठा करून देला । मग थोड्या दिवसाने लहान पोरगा समदा पैसा घेऊन दूर गाँवाले चालला गेला । तेथे जाऊन-सन्ध्या वेजाहा खर्च करून आपली संपत्त खोजून देऊन । सर्व पैसा खर्चून-सनी मग त्या गाँवात मोठा फाका पडला । माहाग पडला तर त्याले अडचन झाली । तो त्या गाँवच्या भाल्या माणसा-जवळ जाऊन राहिला । त्यान आपल्या वावरात त्याले डुकर चारावाले धाडलन । तऱ्हा डुकर जे फोल खात होते ते खाऊन आपला पोठ भरावा अस त्याले वाठला । त्याला कोणी काँही नाही देलन । मग तो अकलेत आला आणि म्हणलन, माझ्या वावाच्या घरी चाकर माणसाले बहु भाकर खायाले आहे । आता मी भुकेने मरतो । मी उठून आपल्या बापा जवळ जाईन, अन त्याला म्हणीन, बावा मी देवा-जवळ अन तुमच्या सामने पाप केलो असीन, आज-पासून तुमच्या लेका-परमाण नाही राहलो । चाकरा-परमाण आता मले ठेव । मंग आपल्या बावा-जवळ गेला । तऱ्हा दुरनच पाहून-सनी बापाले दया आली । तेथून उठून गेलन लेकाच्या गळ्याले भोवून-सनी चुमा घेतला । मग पोरान म्हणलन । मी देवा-जवळ आणि तुमच्या सामने पाप केलो । आज-पासून तुम्हा लेक म्हणवाचा योगत काँही राहलो नाही । मंग बापान आपल्या चाकराले सागलन चागला आंगडा याले घालावाले द्या । याच्या वोठात आगुठी (मुदी) ठाकावाले द्या, जोडा वी पायाँत ठाकावाले द्या । खाऊन आताँ आम्ही खुशी करून । हा लेक मेला होता, जिता होऊन-सनी आला । दवडला होता तो आला । तऱ्हा ते अनन्द करू लागले ॥

या वेळेस त्याचा मोठा लेक वावरात होता । मग यान घरा-जवळ येऊन उभा राहून आवाज एकलन । तऱ्हा एका माणसाले बोलावून-सनी खबर घेतली, हा का आहे । त्यान सागलन, हा तुम्हा भाऊ आला आहे, तुमच्या बापाले हा सुखरीत मिरला । मग मोठा पाहुणचार केलन । तऱ्हा त्याले मोठा राग आला । तर घराँत नाहीं गेला । त्याचा बाप वाहेर आला, अन त्याले समजवु लागला । मग त्यान बापाले उत्तर देलन, इतले वरसा झाले मी तुम्ही चाकरी करतो । अगा मी तुम्हा हुकूम काँही मोडलो नाहीं । मी सग्याची खुशी करावाले काँही वकरा देल्या नाहीं । अन यान समदा पैसा किजवीण-बरावर उडवून-सन्ध्या आणखीन बापा-जवळ आला, त्याच्यासाठी मोठा जिवण केलन । मग तऱ्हा बापान म्हणलन, पोरान तु हमेशा माझ्या-बरोबर आहेस । हा आताँ जितली धन-दौलत घराँत आहे ती तुम्हीच आहे । आताँ खुशी करावाचा आपला कामच हो । हा तुम्हा भाऊ मेला होता आताँ जिता झाला, दवडला होता तो साँपडला आहे ॥

[No 70.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

GŌVĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BHANDARA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā mān'sā-lē dōgha lēk hōtē Dōghī pōrā-mandhīl lahān
A-certain man-to two sons were Both sons-from-among the-younger
 pōryā bāpā-lē bōl'lā, 'bābā, dzō paisā āhē tyā-tsī vithī mādzhā mā-lē
son the-father-to spoke, 'father, what money is that-of share my me-to
 dē' Mang tyā-nē paisā-tsā vāthā kaiūn dēlā Mang thōdyā
give' Then him-by the-money-of share having-made was given Then a-few
 dī'sā-nā lahān pōr'gā sam'dā paisā ghēūn dūi gā'ā-lē tsā'lā
days-in the-younger son all money having-taken far a-village-to moved
 gēlā Tētha dzāun-sanyā bē-jāhā kharis kaiūn ip'li sampat
went There having-gone misplaced expense having-made his-own property
 khōūn dēllan Sai paisā kharisūn sūni mang tī gā'āt mōthā
having-squandered gave All money having-spent then that in-village great
 phākā pad'lā Māhāg pad'lā, tai tyā-lē ad'tsan dzhālī Tō tyā
famine fell Dearness felt, then him-to a-difficulty became He that
 gā'chyā bhalvā mān'sā-dzaval dzāūn rāhīlī Tyā-na āp'lyā
village-inhabiting well-to-do man-near having-gone lived Him-by his own
 vā'rāt tyā lē dukai tsānāvā-lē dhād'lan Tavhā dukai jū phōl khāt
in-a-field him-to the-siome feed-to it-was sent Then the-siome what husks eating
 hōtē tē khāūn āp'lā pōth bharāvā as tyā-lē vith'lā
were that having-eaten his-own belly should-be-filled so him-to it-appeared
 Tyā-lā kōnī kāhī nāhī dēlan Mang tō ak'lēt ālā, ānī
Him-to by-anybody anything not was-given Then he in-senses came, and
 mban'lan, 'mājhyā bābā-chyā gharī tsākai mān'sā-lē bahu bhākai khīyā-lē
it-was-said, 'my father-of in-house servants men-to much bread 'to-eat
 āhē Ātā mī bhukē-nē mat'tō Mī uthūn āp'lyā bāpī-dzaval
is Now I hunger-with die I having-arisen my-own father-near
 dzāin an tyā-lā mbanīn, "bābā, mī Dēvī-dzaval an
will-go and him-to will-say, "father, by-me God-near and
 tujhyā sām'nē pāp kēlō asīn, ādz-pāsūn tujhyā lēka-par'mān nāhī
of-thee before a-sin done will-be, to-day-from thy son-like not
 rāh'lō, tsāk'rā-par'mān ātā ma-lē thēv'' Mang āp'lyā bābā-dzaval
I-remained, a-servant-like now me place'' Then his-own father-near

gōlī Tavhā dur'na-ta pāhūn-sani bāpā-lē dayā ālī
he-went Then from-a-distance-even having-seen the-father-to compassion came
 Tethūn uṭhūn gōlan, lēkā ohyā gaḷyā-lē dzhōmbūn-sani
There-from having-arisen he-went, the-son-of the-neck-to having-embraced
 tūmā get'lā Mang pōrā-na mhan'lan, 'mī Dēvā-dzavaḷ āpik tujhyā
a-lass was-taken Then the-son-by it-was-said, 'by-me God-near and of-thee
 sām'nē pāp kelē Ādz-pāsūn tudzhā lēk mhan'vā-tsā yōgat kālī
before sin was-done To-day-from thy son being called-of fit at-all
 rāh'lō nāh'ī' Mang bāpā-na āp'lyā tsāk'ā-lē sāng'lan, 'tsāng'lā
I-lived not.' Then the-father-by his-own servant-to it-was-told, 'good
 āng'dī vī-lē ghālāvā-lē dyā Yā-ohyā bōthāt āngūṭhi (mundi)
coat this-one-to to-put-on give This-of on-a finger a-ring (a-ring)
 ṭhākāvā-lē dyā, dzhōlā hī pāyāt ṭhākāvā-lē dyā Khāūn
to-put-on give, a shoe also on-feet to-put-on give Having-eaten
 ātā āmhī khuṣī karūn Hā lēk mēlā hōtā, jītā hōūn sanī
now ice rejoicing shall-make This son dead was, alive having-become
 ālī, darav'lā hōtā, tō ālā' Tavhā tē anand karu lāg'lē
came, lost was, he came' Then they joy to-make began

Yī vēḷsa tyā-tsa mōṭhā lēk vāv'rāt hōtā Mang yā-na
This at-time him of the-elder son in-the-field was Then this-one-by
 gharā-dzavaḷ vōūn ubhā rāhūn āvādz ēk'lan Tavhā ēkā
the-house-near having-come standing having-remained music was-heard. Then one
 mān'sā-lē bōlāvūn-sani khabar ghēt'lī, 'hā kā āhē?' Tyā-na sāng'lan,
man-to having-called news was taken, 'this what is?' Him-by it-was-told,
 'hā tudzha bhāū ālā āhē Tujhyā bāpā-lē hā sukh-rīt mī'lā Mang
'this thy brother come is. Thy father-to this safe was-met Then
 mothā pāhun'tsār kēlan' Tavhā tyā-lē mōṭhā rāg ālā
great hospitable-reception was-made' Then him-to great anger came
 Tar gharāt nah'ī gōlā Tyā-tsa bāp bāhēi ālā, an tyā-lē
And into-house not he-went Him-of father out came, and him-to
 sam'dzavu lāg'lā Mang tyā-na bāpā-lē uttār dēlan, 'it'lē
to-entreat began Then him-by the-father-to reply was-given, 'so-many
 var'sā dzhūkt, mī tujhi tsāk'ri kartō Agā, mī tudzhā hukūm kālī
years became, I thy service do O, by-me thy order ever
 mōṭ'lō nāh'ī. Mī sangyā-ohī khuṣī karāvā-lē kālī bah'rā dēlyā
was-broken not. I the-friends-of pleasure make-to ever a-goat was-given
 nāh'ī An yā na sam'dī paisā kīdz'bīn-barābar ud'vūn-sanyā āp'khīn
not. And this-one-by all money harlot-with having-squandered again
 bapā-dzavaḷ ālā, tyā-ohyāsāṭhi mōṭhā jēvan kēlan' Mang
the-father-near came, him-of-for great a-feast was-made' Then

tavhā bāpā-na mhap'lan, 'pōrā, tu hamēśā mājhyū-barōbar
at-that-time the-father-by at-was-said, 'son, thou always of-me-with
 āhēs. Hā ātā jī'tī dhan-daulāt gharāt āhē tī tujhī-ts āhē.
art This now as-much wealth in-house is that thine-alone is
 Ātā khusī karāvā-tsā āp'lā kāmā-ts hō. Hā tudzhā bhāū mēlā
Now merriment to-make own duty-very is This thy brother dead
 hōtā, ātā jītā dzhālā, davad'lā hōtā, tō sūpad'lā āhē.
was, now alive became, lost was, he found is.'

KŌSHṬĪ DIALECT.

This is the dialect of the Kōshtis or weavers of Beraī. It has been reported as a separate dialect from Akola, Ellichpur and Buldana. The following are the revised figures returned for the purposes of this Survey —

Akola	300
Ellichpur	500
Buldana	2,100
TOTAL	<u>2,900</u>

No specimens have been received from Buldana, but there is no reason to suppose that the dialect of the weavers in that district differs from that of the rest of the population.

The dialect of the Kōshtis of Akola is merely the ordinary Marāṭhī of the district, as will be seen from a perusal of the beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows —

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀṬHĪ.

KŌSHṬĪ DIALECT.

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

एका मनुष्याला दोघ पोर होते । त्या-पैकी लहान पोरान आपल्या बापाला म्हणल, वा, जो माझ्या बापाच्या जिनगीचा हिस्सा येईल तो मला दे । बापान आपली जिनगी पोराला वाटून दिली । लई रोज भाल नाहीत तोच लहान पोरान सर्व जिनगी एका ठिकानी केली, आनिक दूर देशाला चालला गेला । आनिक तेथे उधकपनाने वागून सर्व जिनगी नास केली । आनिक ज्या वक्ती सर्व पैसा त्यान खर्च केला, त्या वक्ती त्या देशांत मोठा काय पडला, व त्याला गरज पडू लागली । आनिक तो गेला, आनिक त्या देशांतील रहवाशाच्या घरी नौकर राहिला, व त्यान आपल्या बावरा-मंदी त्याला डूकर चारायाला धाडल । आनिक जो कोंडा डुकराय-न खाऊ त्याच कोंड्याने त्यान आपल पोट आनंदान भरल असत । आनिक एका-हि मनुष्यान त्याले काही दिल नाही । आनिक ज्या वक्ती त्यान अकल धरली त्या वक्ती तो म्हणाला, माझ्या बापाच्या किती घरी ठेवलेल्या नोकराना भाकर खाऊनी-प्रदानी उरल्या-वृत्तकी मिळत असेल, व मी तर उपाशी मरतो ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KŌSHĪ DIALLECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ēkā manusaṃyā-lā dōgha pōr hōtē. Tyā-paiki lahān pōrā-na
 One man-to two sons were Them-from-among the-younger son-by
 āpṛyā bāpā-lā mharlā, 'bā, dzō mājhyā vātyā-lā jn'gi-
 his-own father-to it-was-said, 'father, what my share-to the-property-of
 hisā yāl tō ma-lā dē' Bāpā-na āpṛi jn'gi pōrā-lā
 share will-come that me-to give' The-father-by his-own property the-sons-to
 vāṃn dīli Lai rōdz dzhāla nāhīt, tō-
 having-divided was-given Many days became not, then-just the-younger
 pōrā-na sarv jn'gi ēkā thikāni kēli ān'k dūr dēśā-lā
 son-by all property one in-place was-made and far country-to
 vāṃlā gēlā; ān'k tēhē udhālē-panā-nē vāṃn sarv jn'gi nās
 moved went; and there riotousness-with having-behaved all property waste
 kēli. Ān'k jyā vakti sarv paisā tyā-na bhāṅs-lēlā
 was-made And which at-time all money him-by was-spent
 tyā vakti tyā dēśāt mōṭhā hāy pad'lā, va tyā-lā garōdz
 that at-time that in-country mighty famine fell, and him-to want
 pad'n lēg'n. Ān'k tō gēlā, ān'k tyā dēśātīl rān'vāsā-čhyā
 to-fall began And he went, and that country-in-from an-inhabitant-of
 gharī nautar rāh'lā, va tyā-na āpṛyā vāṃrē-mandī tyā-lā dūkhar
 in-house a-servant lived, and him-by his-own field-into him sown
 vāṃrēyā-lā dhōṇ'lā. Ān'k dzō hōndā dūktrāy-na khāllā tyā-
 to-feed it-was-ent And what husb sown-by was-eaten those-even
 hōndyā-nē tyā-ra āpṛa pōr ānandā-na bhārīlā astā, ān'k
 husb-with him-by his-own belly gladness-with filled might-have-been, and
 ēkē-
 one-even man-by him-to anything was-given not. And which at-time
 tyā-ra akhal dhārī tyā vakti tō mharālā, 'mājhyā bāpā-čhyā lani
 him-by sense was-held that at-time he said, 'my father-of how-many
 gharī kharlālā rōktrē-rā bhāṅar khāuri-ṣyāni ur'nyā-ir'ki milat
 in-house kept servants-to bread having-eaten to-epare-so-much obtained
 aśl, va mi tar upēsi martō'
 might-be, and I then hungry die.'

In Ellichpur the so-called Kōshṭī is identical with the so-called Rangārī, the dialect of the Rangāris or dyers. Each has been reported to be spoken by 250 individuals. Neither of them is a separate dialect, but only the ordinary Marāṭhī spoken by the lower classes in the district. As in the so-called Dzhārpī, a cerebral *ḍ* between vowels is pronounced as *l*, thus, *ghōlā*, a horse. The cerebral *l* has been transliterated as *l*, *y*, and *d*, thus, *dōlā* and *dōyā*, an eye, *ḍzōl* and *ḍzōd*, near. It must be inferred that the pronunciation of *d* does not materially differ from that of *l*. Occasionally we also find forms such as *pad'ā*, he fell, where the *ḍ* has been preserved. *Avā* and *av* are pronounced as *ō*, as is also the case in the so-called Kuṇ'bī of Buldana and other vulgar forms of speech. Thus, *ḍzōl*, near, *samda dhan udōla*, all his property was wasted.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will, however, be sufficient to show that the so-called Kōshṭī of Ellichpur is not different from the ordinary Marāṭhī of the district.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀṬHĪ.

KÖSHṬĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT ELlichPUR)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

एका मानसाले दोन पोर व्हते। त्यातील लाहेना बापाले म्हनते बावा जो जिनगीचा व्हिच्चा फिरल तो मले दे। मंग त्यान त्या दोघाले राशद वाटून देछी। मग काहीका दिसान लाहेना पोरग अवघ धन गोया करून बु दूर ग्येला। अन तथी समद धन उडोल। अवघ सरल्या-वर तथी दुकय पडला। तवा त्याले मोठ कोड पडल। मग तो तथी एका गिरस्ता-जोड राविला। त्यान त्याले डुकर चाराले आपल्या वावरा-मंधी पाठोल। तवा डुकर जे फोतर खात व्हते ते खाजन-शेन्या राहाव अस त्याले कयल। अन त्याले कोन काही खायले बी देल नाही। मंग-सन्या तो सुदी-वर आला अन म्हनाला, माभ्या बापाच्या इथीं किती भन पोठ-भर खात असतील अन मी अथी भुकेन मरतो। मी उठून-सन्या बापा-जोड जाईन, अन त्याले म्हनील, अरे बावा, म्या देवा-सामने व तुच्या सामने मोठ पाप केल। अथून-सन्या तुच्या पोरग म्हन्या लायक मी नाही। मले तुच्या नवकरा-परमान ठिव ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHĪ

KŌSHĪ DĪLĒCT

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mān'sā-lē dōn pōi vhatē Tyātil lāhēnā bāpā-lē mhan'tē, 'bāvā,
One man-to two sons were Of-them younger father-to says, 'father,
 dzō jin'gī-tsā hussā phural tō ma-lē dē' Mang tyā-na tyā dōghā-lē rāsād
which estate of share will-fall that me-to give' Then him-by those both-to estate
 vātūn dēlli Mang kāhikā disā-na lāhēnā pōr'ga av'gha dhan
having-divided was-given Then some days-after younger son whole wealth
 gōvā-karūn bu dūr gyēlā An tathī sam'da dhan udōla. Av'gha
having-collected very far went And there all property was-wasted All
 sar'lyā-vār tathī dukay pad'lā Tavā tyā-lē mōtha kōda pad'lā Mang
being spent-on there famine fell Then him-to great difficulty fell Then
 tō tathī ekā guastā-dzod rūhulā Tyā-na tyā-lē dukar tsārā-lē āp'lyā
he there one householder-near lived Him-by him sicine to-feed his-own
 vār'i i-mundhī pāthōla Tavā dukar jō phōtra khāt vhatē tē
field-in it-was-sent Then sicine what husks eating were those
 khāūn-sūnyā rīhāva asa tyā-lē kay'la An tyā-lē kōna
having-eaten it-should be-lived so him-to it-appeared And him-to by anyone
 kīhī khāyā-lē bī dēla nāhī. Mang-sanyā tō sudī-var ālā an
anything to eat also was-given not Afterwards he senses-on came and
 mhan'li, 'mājhyā bāpī-chyā-nhī kiti dzhan pōt-bhai khāt astil An
said, 'my father's in how-many persons belly-full eating may-be And
 mī athī bhukē-na mar-tō Mī uthūn-sanyā bāpā-dzod dzūn, an tyā-lē
I here hunger-by die I having-arisen father-near will-go, and him-to
 mhan'li, "arē bāvā, myī Dēvī-sīm'nē an tūhyā-sīm'nē mōtha pāp kēla
will-say, "O father, by-me God-before an of-thee-before great sin was-made
 Athūn-av'i tūhyī por'ga mhan'yī lāyā mī nāhī, ma-lē tūhyī nav'k'rā-par'māna
Henceforth thy son to-be-called fit I am-not } me thy servant-like
 dhuv'''
 kēp''''

KUMBHĀRĪ.

The potters of Berar and the Central Provinces have been reported to speak a separate dialect called Kumbhārī, i.e. potters' language. The following are the revised figures —

Akola	
Buldana	4,500
Chhindwara	580
Chanda	4,400
Bhandara	1,000
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Total	10,510

The specimens forwarded from the districts show that the Kumbhārī dialect is a mere fiction. The Kumbhārs of Akola speak the ordinary Marāṭhī of Berar, while those of Buldana use a form of Bundēli. In Chhindwara some of them speak Bundēli and others the usual Marāṭhī dialect of the Central Provinces. The potters of Chanda are now reported to speak Kōmtāū, a broken dialect of Telugu, and the Kumbhārī of Bhandara is a broken form of Baghēli.

In this place we have only to deal with the Marāṭhī speaking Kumbhārs of Akola and Chhindwara. The dialects of the others will be described in their proper places.

The Kumbhārī of Akola is identical with the form of Marāṭhī spoken by the Kunbīs and others in the district, as will be seen from the first few lines of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KUMBHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

कोन्या एका मानमालि दोन पोर होते । त्यातला एक लहान बापाले म्हने,
वा, जो जिनगीचा हिस्सा मले येईल तो दे । मंग त्यान त्याले पैसा वाटून दिला ।
मग थोड्या दिसान लहान पोरान पैसा जमा केला आन दूर मुलका-वर गेला । मग
तथी उधळ्यापनान राहला, आन आपला सारा पैसा गमावला । मग त्यान
सारा पैसा गमावल्या-वर, त्या मुलकांत म्हागी पडली । त्या-मुये त्याले विचार
पडला । तन्हा तो त्या मुलकातल्या एका मानसा-जोळ जाऊन राहला । त्यान
त्याले डुक्कर चाऱ्याले आपल्या बावरात धाडल ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KUMBHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT AKOLA)

Kōnyā ēkā mām'sā-lē dōn pōi hōtē Tyāt'lā ēk lahān bāpā-lē
Certain one man-to two sons were Them-in-from one younger father-to
 mhanē, 'bā, dzō jin'gī-tsā hissā ma-le yēil tō dē' Mang tyā-na
said, 'father, what property-of share me-to will-come that give' Then him-by
 tyā-lē paisā vātūn dilā Mang thōdyā disā-na lahān pōrā-na
him-to money having-divided was-given Then a-few days-in the-younger son-by
 paisā dzamā kēlā, ān dūr mul'kā-var gēlā Mang tathī udh'lyā-panā-na
money together was-made, and far country-into went Then there riotousness-with
 rāh'lā, ān āp'lā sālā paisā gamāv'lā Mang tyā-na sārā paisā
lived, and his-own all money was-squandered Then him-by all money
 gamāv'lyā-vai tyā mul'kāt mahāgī pad'li, tyā-muyē tyā-lē vīsār
was-squandered-after that in-country dearness fell, therefore him-to consideration
 pad'lā Tavhā tō tyā mul'kāt'lyā ēkā mām'sā-dzō' dzāūn iāh'lā Tyā-na
fell Then he that country-in-of one man's-ear having-gone lived Him-by
 tyā-lē dukkar tsāryā-lē āp'lyā vāv'rāt dhād'la
him-to swine to-feed his-own into-field it-was-sent

The Kumbhārs of Chhindwara speak, some Bundēli, and some Marāthī. It is not possible to decide how many of the 4,400 speakers should be assigned to each language, and the whole total has, therefore, been put down as belonging to Bundēli. See Vol IX, Part I.

The Marāthī dialect of Kumbhārī in Chhindwara is identical with other Marāthī dialects of the neighbourhood, such as Dhan'garī, Gōvārī, etc., and the first lines of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follow will show that it is in reality only a form of Nāgpurī.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KUMBHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA)

एका मानसाले दोन पोर होति । त्यातून लहान वापास म्हाला, वावा
 जो आमचा हिस्सा आहे तो आम्हाले दे । त्यान ते सगळी सपत दोघा पोराले

वाटून देली । लहान भाऊ सगळं धन जमा करून दूसऱ्या देगात निघून गेला ।
तेथ जाऊन बाधवाई पैसा खर्च करून उडवून देला । तेथ त्यान ते सगळं खर्चून
टाकल्या-वर त्या देगात मोठा दुकाळ पडला । मग त्याले अडचन पडू लागली ।
तऱ्हा तो एका भल्या मानसा-पासी जाऊन राहला । त्यान आपल्या वावरात
डुकर चाराले लावले । तऱ्हा डुकर जे साल खात होते तेच खाऊन आपन
आपल पोटा भराव अस त्यास वाटल, अन कोन काही त्याले देछ नाही ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā	man'sale	don	poi	hote	Tyātūn	lahān	bāpīs
Ore	man to	two	sons	were	Them-in-from	the-sonnger	to-the-father
mhan dā,	'bābā,	do	am tsi	hessā	jihc,	to	amhā-lō
said,	'father,	icha'	of-us	share	is,	that	us-to
							give.'
Tyānā	te	sag'hi	ampat	doghī	pori-lē	tyātūn	dēlli
Hum-by	that	all	property	both	sons-to	having-deided	was-given
Lahān	bham	sagā	dham	dzamā	karun	dūs'ryā	
The younger	brother	all	wealth	together	having-made	another	
dē'at	māhūn	gela	Teth	dzāūn	bādh'vāi	paisā	
into-country	having gone	went	There	having-gone	notously	the-money	
kharts	karun	mā'ūn	dellā	Teth	tyā-na	tō	
expense	having made	having-squandered	was-given	There	him-by	that	
sagā	khartsun	ṭik'lyā-var	tyā	deśāt	mōṭhū	dukā	
all	having-spent	being-thrown after	that	in-country	mighty	famine	
pad'hi	Mag	tsa-le	ad'san	padu	lāg'li	Tavhā	tō
fell	Then	him to	difficulty	to-fall	began	Then	he
man'sa-pasi	dzāūn	rah'hi	tyā-na	āp'lyā	vāv'rat	dukar	
man-man	having-gone	lived	Hum-by	his-own	into-field	some	
ṭārā-le	lav'hi	Tavhā	dukar	jē	sul	khāt	hōtē,
feed-to	it-was sent	Then	the-same	what	hunks	eating	were,
							that-very
khūn	apn	ap'la	pōṭ	bharav	asa	tyās	vāṭ'la,
having eaten	by-himself	his own	belly	should-be-filled	so	to-him	it-appeared,
na	kōn	kūhī	tyā-lo	dēll	nāhī		
and	by-anybody	anything	him-to	was-given	not		

KUN^ABĀŪ.

The Kun^abis or husbandmen of Chanda are sometimes said to speak a separate dialect called *Kun^abāū*. It is stated to be identical with *Kōhli*, the dialect of a well-known rice-growing and tank-making class of cultivators.

The estimated figures are as follows —

Kun ^a bāū	102,550
Kōhli	7,600
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TOTAL	110,150
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The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will show that this dialect does not differ from the ordinary Marāthī of the district. The only thing to be noted is a marked tendency to drop the neuter gender and replace it by the masculine. Thus, *dōgha lēk^ara* (neuter) *hōtē* (masculine), two children were, *lēk^aru gēlā*, the son went. Here *lēk^aru*, which is originally a neuter word meaning 'child,' is used as a masculine noun meaning 'son.' Note also the masculine form *hyā*, this

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

KUN^ABĀŪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

कोनि एका मानसाले दोघ लेकर होते । त्या पैकी लहान बापाले म्हनते, बापा माझा मालमत्तेचा हिस्सा मले येवाचा तो दे । मंग त्यान लेकाले धन वाटून देला । मंग थोड्या रोजान लहान लेकर सार जमा करून दूरच्या मुलखात गेला । आनिक त्या ठिकानी उधळेपना करून आपली जमा वरवात केली । मंग त्याची सारी जिनगी वरवात झाल्या-वर त्या मुलखात मोठा माझाग पडला । त्या-करिता त्याले नुपर पडली । तन्हा तो त्या मुलूखच्या एका मोठ्या मानसाच्या-जवर जाऊन राहिला । मंग त्यान त्याले डुकर चाराले आपल्या बावरात पाठवला । तन्हा डुकर टोकर खात होते, त्या-वर त्यान आपल पोटा भराव अस त्याले वाटल, म्हनून कोनीच त्याले काही देल नाही । मंग तो सुदी-वर येऊन म्हनाला, माझ्या बापाच्या घरी कितीकाच चाकराले पोटाभर भाकर मिळते, व मी भुकेन मरतो । मी येथून आपल्या बापा-कड जाऊन त्याले म्हनील की, ये बापा मी देवाच्या विरुध व तुम्या सामने पाप केले आहे । आज-पासून तुम्हा लेक म्हनाले मी योग्य नाही । तू आपल्या येका चाकरा-वानी मले ठेव । मंग तो उठून आपल्या बापा-कड गेला ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KUNBI Dialect

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Konī čkī mīn'sī-lō dōgha lōk'ra hōtē Tyā-paikī lahān
A certain one man-to two sons were Them-from-among the-younger
 bipī-le mham'te, 'bāpī, mahā māl'mattē-tsā hissā ma-lō yēvā-tsā tō
father-to says, 'father, my the-property-of the-share me-to to come that
de' Mang tyā-na lēka-le dhau vātūn dēllā Mang thōdyā
give' Then him-by sons to wealth having-divided was given Then a-few
 rōḷā-na lahān lēk'ru sāra jamā karūn dūr'chyā mul'khāt
days-in the-younger son all together having made far-off into-country
 gēlī Ānik tva thukānī udh'jē-prnā kaiūn āp'li jamā
went And that at-place spending-ness with his own property
 bar'bāt kēli Mang tyā-ohī sūī jū'gī bar'bāt dzhālyā-var
squandered was-made Then him-of all property squandered becoming-on
 tva mul'khāt mothī mīhāgr pad'lā Tyā-karitū tyā-lō nupai pad'li
that in-country mighty dear-ness sell That-for him-to difficultly sell
 Tavhā tō tyā mulukh'chyā ēka mōthyā mām'sā-chyā dāvar dzāūn
Then he that country inhabiting one great man-of-near having-gone
 rahēli Mang tyā-na tyā-lō dukar tsāra-le āp'lyā vāv'rāt pāthav'lā Tavhā
lived Then him-by him to pigs to graze his own into-field was sent Then
 dukar tohai khāt hōtē, tyā-vai tyā-na āp'la pōṭ bharāva asa
pigs husha eating were, that-on him by his-own belly should be-filled so
 tyā-lē vat'la, mhamun kōnī-ts tyā-lē kāhī dēllā nāhī
him to it-appeared, therefore (by-)any body even him-to anything was given not
 Mang tō sudī-var yēūn mbanālā, 'mājhyā bāpā-ohyā gharī kitikā-ts
Then he scuses-on having come said, 'my father-of at-house several
 tsāk'rā-lē pōṭ-bhar bhākar mī'tō, va mī bhukē-na mar'tō Mī yēthūn
servants to belly-full bread is got, and I hunger-with die I here-fm
 āp'lyā bāpā-kada dzāūn tyā-lō mhanil kī, "yē, bāpā, mī
my-own father-to having-gone him-to will-say that, "oh father, (by-) me
 Dēvā-chyā virudh va tujhyā sām'nē pāp kēla āhē Ādz-pāsūn tudzhā
God-of against and of-thee before sin made is To-day-fm thy
 lēk mbanā-le mī yōgy nāhī Tū āp'lyā yēkā tsāk'rā-vānī ma-lē ṭhēv''
son say-to I worthy am-not Thou thy-own one servant-like me place''
 Mang tō uṭhūn āp'lyā bāpā-kada gēlā.
Then he having-awaken his-own father-to went

MĀHĀRĪ

The Mahārs are a low caste employed mostly as village-watchmen, gate-keepers, messengers, guides, porters, etc. They are often also called Parvāris and Dhēds, and their dialect has been returned as Māhārī or Dhēdī. In reality, however, the Mahārs everywhere speak the dialect of their neighbourhood. The Mahārs of Thana thus use the current Marāthī of the Konkan, and the dialect of the Mahārs of Bastar is the common Hal'bī of the district. See pp 157 and ff, and 351 and ff.

Māhārī has been returned from Chhindwara and Chanda. The revised figures are as follows —

Chhindwara	9,000
Chanda	10,000
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TOTAL	19,000
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The Māhārī of Chhindwara is, in all essential points, identical with the usual Marāṭhī dialects of the district. Compare forms such as *astū*, fire, *īs*, twenty, *dōi ē*, eyes, *pānī*, water, *mī asal*, I shall be, *tō mārīn*, he will strike. The cerebral *ḍ* between vowels is pronounced as a cerebral *ṛ*, thus, *paṛlā*, he fell. Note forms such as *mārṭan*, they kill, *mān'sā-na tyā-lē tēv'lan*, the man kept him, *uth'lōn*, he arose. Transitive verbs sometimes use the active construction in the past tense, thus, *mī tukī tsāk'ī kēlō*, I did thy service.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son which follows will be sufficient to show that such peculiarities are not of sufficient importance to change the general character of the Māhārī of Chhindwara.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

MĀHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA)

येका मानसाले दोघे पोर होते । त्यात लहान पोरग बापाले म्हनते की, बापा, आमचा हिस्सा आमाले दे । तन्हा त्यान आपल्या मालाचा हिस्सा दोघा पोराले करून देला । मग लाहण्या पोरान आपला हिस्सा घेतला, मग तो दुसऱ्या मुलखा-मंधी फीराले गेला । तेथी त्यान आपला हिस्सा ख्याल तमाशात उडून देछा । जन्हा जवरचा समदा पैसा सरला, तन्हा त्या मुलखांत मोठा कार पडला । तन्हा त्याले खावा पीयाले मोठी वीपत गेली । मग तो त्या मुलखांत भल्या मानसाची चाकरी कराले लागला । मग त्या भल्या मानसान त्याले आपल्या वावराचे डुकर राखाले टेंवलन । त्याँ खेपी डुकर जो भुसा खात होते तेच भुस तो खावाले राजी भाला । तेभी भुस कोनी खावाले न दे । मग त्याचे डोरे उघडले । मग त्यान म्हतले की, माहा बापाचे येथी लागेत चाकर आहत ;

त्याद्वले पोटा-पकसा जास्त खावाले भेटते, व मी येथ भुकेन मरतो । तद्वा मी आता वापाचे येथी जातो, अन त्याले म्हनतो की, मी तुम्हा देवाचा चोर आहे । या-वर मी तुह पोरग होय अस म्हनतलन तर वर नाही । तु मले आपल्या येथी चाकर ठेव । अस वोलून उठलो न अन वापा जवर आलो ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Yekā mān'sā-lē dōghē pōra hōtē Tyāt lahān pōr'ga bāpā-lē
Certain a-man-to two sons were In-them the-younger son father-to
 mhan'tē kī, 'bāpā, ām-tsā hissā āmā-lō dō' Tavhā tyā-na āp'lyā
says that, 'father, our share us-to give' Then him-by his-own
 mālā-tsā hissā dōghā pōrā-lē karūn dēlā Mag lāh'nyā pōrā-na
property-of a-share two sons to having-made was-given Then the-younger son-by
 āp'lā hissā ghēt'lā, mag tō dus'ryā mul'khā-mandhī phīrā-lē gēlā Tēthī
his-own share was-taken, then he another country-into journey-to went There
 tyā-na āp'lā hissā khyāl-tamāśāt udūn dēlā Dzavhā dzavar'tsā
him-by his-own share in-play-and-pleasure having-casted was-given When near-being
 sam'dā paisā sar'lā, tavhā tyā mul'khāt mōthā kār par'lā
all money was-finished, then that in-country mighty famine fell
 Tavhā tyā-lē khāvā-piyā-lē mōthī bīpat gēlī Mag tō
Then him-to eat-drink-to great difficulty went. Then he
 tyā mul'khāt bhalyā mān'sā-chī tsāk'i karā-lē lāg'lā Mag tyā
that in-country well-to do a man-of service make-to began Then that
 bhalyā mān'sā-na tyā-lē āp'lyā vāv'ā-ohē dukar rākhā-lē tēv'lan Tyā-
well-to-do man-by him-to his own field-of sown keep-to it-was-set At-that-
 khēpī dukar dzō bhusā khāt hōtē tē-ts bhus tō khāvā lē rāji
time the-sown what chaff eating were that-very chaff he eat-to ready
 dzhālā Tē-bhī bhus kōnī khāvā-lē na-dē Mag tyā-ohē dōrē
became That-even chaff anybody eat-to not-gave Then him-of eyes
 ughar'lē Mag tyā-na mhat'lē kī, 'māhā bāpā-chē yēthī lāgēt tsākai
opened Then him-by it-was-said that, 'my father-of here how many servants
 āhat, tyā-lē pōtā-pak'sā jāst khāvā-lē bhēt'tē, va mī yētha bhukē-na
are, them-to belly-than more eat-to meets, and I here hunger-with
 mar'tō Tavhā mī ātā bāpā-chē yēthī dzātō, an tyā-lē mhan'tō kī, "mī
die Therefore I now father-of here go, and him-to I-say that, "I
 tudzhā Dēvā-tsā tsōr āhē. Yā-var mī tuh pōr'ga hōy asa mhanat'lan
thy God-of thief (offender) am This-upon I thy son am so it was-said
 tar bara nāhī Tu ma-lē āp'lyā yēthī tsākar thēv'' Asa bōlūn
then proper not Thou me thy-own at-place servant keep'' Thus having-said
 uth'lōn an bāpā dzavar ālō.
he arose and father near came.

The dialect of the Mahārs of Chanda is still more closely connected with the current Marāthī of the district. There is the same tendency as in Natakānī to confound the genders, thus, *sam̐paṭ dēlhā*, property was given, *dōgghē lek'ra hōtē*, two sons (lit children) were. Note also forms such as *mōllā*, for *mōd'lā*, broken, in *tudzhā hukam kadhā mōllā nāhē*, thy command was never broken.

The beginning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son will be sufficient to show the general character of this dialect

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

MĀHĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

कोना येक्या माणसाले दोग्घे लेकर हीते । त्यातला धाकटा बापाले म्हनाला, बापा जो मालमत्तेचा वाटा माले येवाचा असल तो दे । मग त्यान त्याले संपत वाटून देव्हा । मंग थोड्या दिवसान धाकटा लेकर सगरी जमा करून दूर देसास गेला । मंग तेथी उठरपनान राहून आपली जमा उडवली । मंग त्यान अवघ खरचल्या-वर त्या देसात मोठा दुकार पडला । त्यासकून त्याले अडचन पडु लागली । तव्हा तो त्या देसातील येक्या भले मानसा-जवर जाऊन राहला । त्यान तर त्याले दुकार चारास आपल्या वावरात पाठवल । तव्हा दुकार टोकर खात हीते, त्या-वर त्यान पोटा भराव अस त्याले वाटल । मग कोन त्याले काँही देव्ह नाही ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnā	yēkyā	mān'sā-lē	dōgghē	lēk'ra	hōtē	Tyāt'lā	dhāk'tā
A-certain	one	man-to	two	sons	were	Them-in-from	the-younger
bāpā-lē	mhanālā,	'bāpā,	dzō	māl-mattē-tsā	vātā	mā-lē	yēvā-tsā
the-father-to	said,	'father,	what	the-property-of	share	me-to	coming
asal	tō	dē'	Mang	tyā-na	tyā-lē	sam̐pat	vātūn
might-be that	gave'	Then	him-by	him-to	property	having-divided	was-given
Mang	thōdyā	div'sā-na	dhāk'tā	lēk	sag'li	dzamā	karūn
Then	a few	days-in	the-younger	son	all	together	having-made
dēsās	gēlā	Mang	tēthi	udhar'panā-na	rāhūn	āp'li	dzamā
to-a-country	went	Then	there	spendthriftness-with	having-lived	his-own	property
uduv'li	Mang	tyā-na	av'gha	kharatē'lyā-vai	tyā	dēsāt	mōlhā
was-squandered	Then	him-by	whole	being-spent-upon	that	in-country	mighty

duk ir pad^ālā Tyās^ākūn tyā-lē ad^ātsan padu lāg^ālī Tavhā tō tyā
famine fell Therefore him-to difficulty to-fall began Then he that
 dēsātil yēkyā bhalē mām^āsā-dzavai dzāūn rāh^ālā Tyā-na
country-in-from one well to-do man-near having-gone lived Him-by
 tar tyā-lē dukar tsārās āp^ālyā vāv^ārāt pāṭhav^āla Tavhā dukar
then him-to some to-feed his-own into-field it-was sent Then the-some
 tōkar khāt hōtē tyā-vai tyā-na pōt bharāva asn tyā-lē vāt^āla
chaff eating were that-upon him-by belly should-be-filled, so him-to it-appeared
 Mang kōna tyā-lē kāhī dēlla nāhī
Then by-anybody him-to anything was-given not

MARHĒTĪ

Marāthi is spoken in the southern part of Balaghat. The number of speakers has been estimated at 98,700.

The higher classes speak the same dialect as that current in Nagpur,—see p. 267 above. The lower classes, on the other hand, use a mixed form of speech, which is locally known as Marhētī, where the neighbouring dialects of Eastern Hindī have, to some extent, influenced the language.

The pronunciation apparently mainly agrees with the dialects of Berar and Nagpur. Thus, the cerebral *l* is always distinguished from the dental one, and it sounds like an *r*, thus, *yēr*, time, *yēr*, a trinket, *javar*, near. *N* becomes *n*, thus, *man^alā*, he said. *V* is dropped before *i*, *ē*, and *ē*, thus, *vrudh*, against, *yēr*, Marāthī *vēl*, a kind of ornament worn on the elbow, and so on.

In some respects, however, the pronunciation of Marhētī differs. The pronunciation of the palatals is the same as in Hindī, thus, *chākar*, a servant, *javar*, near. The cerebral *d* after vowels is given as *r* in the second specimen, thus, *jhār*, a tree. In the Parable we find *d*, thus, *pad^alā*, he fell. The pronunciation of aspirated letters does not seem to be very marked. Compare *man^alā*, he said, *dōb^anī*, a pool, Standard Marāthī *dōbhan*.

The neuter gender is constantly confounded with the masculine. Thus, *chāng^alā pāngh^arūn*, a good cloth, *jō kāhī mājhā āhē tō tujhā āhē*, whatever is mine that is thine, *āp^alā pōt bhā^avā*, his belly should be filled. In *dōn lēk^arā hōtē*, two sons were, *lēk^arā* is the neuter plural, Standard Marāthī *lēk^arē*, but it is treated as a masculine, and *hōtē* is the third person plural masculine. The confusion between the two genders is especially apparent in the demonstrative pronouns. Thus, we find *hē bhāu*, this brother, *hā kā hōy*, what is this? There are, however, some traces of the ordinary Marāthī neuter, thus, *dhan dālē*, property was given, (*dōs^akā*) *uph^alē nakō*, (the head) should not float up.

The case suffixes are the same as in Nagpur. In the dative we find both *lā* and *lē*, thus, *pōryū-lā* and *pōrā-lē*, to the son. Note also *jhādā-var-nā*, from on the tree, *dōhī hātā-nā*, with both hands, *tyāsmi* and *tyā-sin*, to him, etc.

The inflection of verbs is, on the whole, regular. In the past tense of transitive verbs, however, the verb usually agrees with the subject, though the subject is often put in the agent. Thus, *mī pāp kēlō*, I did sin, *bāpā-nē dayā kēlā*, the father made compassion, *mī tyā-lē khāl^atā pālō* (i.e. *pād^alō*), I knocked him down. The regular passive construction, however, apparently also occurs, thus, *tumhī pāth^arū bhī nāhī dālā*, by-thee a-kid even not was-given, *tyā nī dhan dālē*, he gave his property, (*mī*) *garā mur^adūn dēlā*, I wrung his neck.

The future *manin*, I will say, also occurs in Nagpur, *jāhīn*, I will go, is probably written for *jāin*.

To the influence of Eastern Hindī are due forms such as *bhukā*, hungry, *chālā*, gone, *pāngh^arāv*, put on, etc.

Note also the form *mānāvī*, i.e. *mānāvē* in *mā-lā āp^alē maj^adurā-sār^akhē mānā-vī*, consider me as your servant.

The two specimens which follow will, when the preceding remarks are borne in mind, present no difficulty to the student.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

MARHĒTĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BALAGHAT)

SPECIMEN I.

कोन्ही मानसाचे दोन लेकरा होते। त्याच मधुन नाहन्याने बापास मनला, हे बाप, धना-मधुन जो माझा झीझा आहे तो माले दे। तव्हा त्यानी त्याले आपला धन वाटुन दिले। बहुत दिवस नाही भाले कि नाहन लेकरु समदा काही जमा करुन परदेशात नीघुन गेला आनी तेथी छीचोरी-बाजी-मधी दीवस गुमा-उन-सन्धा आपला पैसा खोउन देछा। जव्हा त्याने सर्वा काही खोउन वसला तव्हा त्या देशा-मधी मोठा कंताल पडला अनीख तो कंगाल भाला। अनीख तो जाउन-सनि त्या मुलकाचे येकाचे घरी राहु लागला। त्याने त्यास आपले वावरात डुकर चारावास पाठवला। अनीख तो त्या फुलकास डुकर खात होते आपला पोटा भरावा चाहात होता। त्याले कोन्ही काही खाउ नाही देत होते। तव्हा त्याले चेत भाला अनीख त्याने मनला, माझे बापाचे येथी कीतीक मजुरा-करता जेवन्धा-सीन अधीक सैपाक होतित अनीख मी भुखा मरतो। मी उठुन-सनी आपले बापा-पासी जाहीन, अनीख त्याचे-सीन मनीन की, हे बाप मी ईश्वराचे द्रूध अनीख आपले समोर पाप केलु। मी आता आपला लेक मनन्धा सारखा नाही, माला आपले मजदुरा सारखे मानावी। तव्हा तो उठुन-स्थानी आपले बापाचे-पासी चालला। तेव्हा दुरच होता की त्याचा बापाने त्यास पाहुन-स्थानी दया केला, जव्हा धाउन-सनी गन्यास पीतरानी चुमा घेतला। लेकाना त्यासनि मनला, हे बाप मी ईश्वराचे द्रूध अनीख आपले समोर पाप केलो। मी आता आपला लेक मनना सारखा नाही। मग बापाने आपले चाकरास सांगीतला, समध्याहुन चांगला पांघरून काटुन-सन्धा त्याला पांघराव। अनीख त्याचे हाता-मधी मुदी अनीख पायात पायतन टाका। अनीख आम्ही खाउ आनी आनद करु। काहुन का हा आमचा पुत्र मेला होता आता जीवत भाला, खोउन गेला होता आता मीरला आहे। तेव्हा ते आनद करु लागले॥

त्याचा मोठा लेकरू वावरात होता। जेव्हा तो येत होता अनीख घराचे जवर पोहचला तेव्हा वाव्याचा वो नाचाचा आवाज आर्दकला। तो त्याने आपले चाकरा-मधुन येक चाकरास आपले जवर वुलाउन-सनी पुसला, हा का होय। त्याने त्यासीन सागीतला की, तुमचा भाज आला आहे। तर तुमचे वापाने चागला भोजन केला आहे। काहुन की त्याले चागला पावला। मग तो गुसा झाला। तव्हा तो आत-मधी नाही गेला। याचे-लार्दक त्याचा वाप वाहर येउन-सानी त्यास मनाउ लागला। त्याने वापास जवाव देला की, पहा मी द्रुतले वर्स झाला आपली सेवा करतो अनीख मी तुमचे कोन्ही वात नाही ठारलो। अनीख तुम्ही मला येक सेरीचा पाठरू भी नाही दीला की मी आपले मीताचे-संगा खुसी करतो। आपला हे लेकरू जो खराव रांडार्दके-संगा तुमचा धन खाउन वसला, जेव्हा आला तेव्हा तुमी त्याचा करीता चागला भोजन केले। वापाने त्यास मनला, हे बेटा, तु सदा माझे-संगा आहेस। जो काही माझा आहे तो तुझा आहे। आनंद करावा वो खुशी करावा जरूरत होता। काहुन की, हे तुझा भाज मिला होता, आता जीवत झाला, खोउन गेला होता, आता मीरला आहे ॥

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SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

MARHĒTĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BALAGHAT)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōnhi mān'sū chē dōn lēk'rā hōtē Tyā-oh-madhun nāh'nyā-nē
A-certain man-of two sons were Them-in-front the-younger-by
 bāpās man'lā, 'hē bāp, dhanā-madhun jō mājhā hīssā āhē tō
to-the-father was-said, 'O father, the-money-from what my share is that
 mā-lē dū 'Tavhī tyā-nī tyā-lē āp'lā dhan vāṭun dilē
me-to give' Then him-by them-to his-own money having-divided was-given
 Bahut divas nūhī jhālō kī nāhan lēk'rā sam'dā kāhī jamā
Many days not became that the-younger son all whatever together
 karun pai dēsāt nīghun gēlā, ānī tēthī chhīchōrī-bājī-
having-made into-other-country having-gone went, and there frivolousness-
 madhī divas gumāun-sanyā āp'lā paisā khōun dēllā Javhā
in days having passed his-own money having-lost was-given When
 tyā-nē sarīā kāhī khōun vas'lā, tavhā tyā dēsā-madhī mōṭhā kantāl
him-by all whatever having-ricasted lived, then that country-in mighty famine
 pad'lā, anīkh tō kangāl jhālā Anīkh tō jāun-sanī tyā mul'kā-ohē yēkā-chē
fell, and he a-beggar became And he having-gone that country-of one-of
 ghari rāhu lūg'lā Tyā-nē tyās āp'lē vāv'rāt dukaī chāāāvās
in-the-house to-lue began Him-by to-him his-own into-the-field the-swine to-feed
 pāthav'lā Anīkh tō tyā phul'kās dukaī khāt hōtē āp'lā pōṭ
was-sent And he that husks the swine eating were his own belly
 bharāvā chāhāt hōtā, tyā-lē kōnhi kāhī khāu nāhī dēt hōtē
should-be-filled wishing was, him-to anybody anything to-eat not giving were
 Tavhā tyā lō chēt jhālā, anīkh tyā-nē man'lā, 'mājhē bāpā-chē
Then him-to consciousness became, and him-by it-was-said, 'my father-of
 yēthī kitīk majurā-kartā jēv'nyā sīn adhik saipāk hōtēt, anīkh
at-place how-many servants-for eating-than more cookings become, and
 mī bhukhā mar'tō, mī uṭhun-sanī āp'lē bāpā pāsī jāhīn, anīkh tyā-chē sīn
I hungry die, I having-arisen my-own father-near will-go, and him-of-to
 manīn kī, "hē bāp, mī Īśv'rā-chē irūdh anīkh āp'lē samōr pāp
will-say that, "O father, I the Lord-of against and your-own before a-sin
 kēlu, mī ātā āp'lā lēk man'nyā sār'khā nāhī Mā-lā āp'lē
made, I now you-own son to-be-called like am-not. Me-to you-own

may'durā sār'khē mānāvī " ' Tāv'hā tō uthun-syānī āp'lē bāpa-chē-
servant-like should-be-considered " ' Then he having-arisen his-own father-of-
 pāsī chāl'lā Tēvhā dura-ch hōtā kī tyā-chā bāpā-nē tyās pāhun-
near went Then at-a-distance (he-)was that him-of father-by to-him having-
 syānī dayā kēlā, javhā dhāun-sanī garyās pit'rā-nī chumā ghēt'lā.
seen pity made, then having-run to-the-neck the-father-by kiss was-taken
 Lēkā-nā tyās-nī man'lā, 'hē bāp, mī Īśv'rā chē irūdh anikh āp'lē samōr
The-son-by to-him it-was-said, 'O father, I the-Lord-of against and your-own before
 pap kēlō Mī ātā āp'lā lēk man'nā sār'khā nāhi' Mag bāpā-nē
sin made I now your-own son to-be-called like am-not' Then the-father-by
 āp'lē chāk'rās sāngit'lā, 'sam'dhyā-hun chāng'lā pāngh'rūn kādhun-sanyā
his-own to-servant it-was-told, 'all-than good covering having-taken-out
 tyī-lā pāngh'rāv, anikh tyā-chē hātā-madhī mudī anikh pāyāt pāy'tan tākā,
him-to put-on; and him-of the-hand-on a-ring and on-the-feet a-shoe put;
 anikh āmhi khāu ānī ānand karu. Kāhun kā hā ām-chā putia
and we shall-eat and joy shall-make Because that this our son
 melī hōtā, ātā jivat jhālā, khōun gēlā hōtā, ātā mīrlā āhē' Tēvhā tē ānand
dead was, now alive became, lost gone was, now got is' Then they joy
 karu lāg'lē
to-make began

Tyā-chā mōthā lēk'iū vāv'rāt hōtā Jēvhā tō yēt hōtā anikh
Him-of the-elder son in-the-field was When he coming was and
 ghārā-chē javar pōhach'lā tēvhā vājjā-chā vō nāchā-chā āvāj āik'lā
the-house-of-near arrived then music-of and dancing-of sound was-heard
 Tō tyā-nō ip'lē chāk'rā-madhun yēk chāk'rās āp'lē-javar bulāun-sanī
Then him-by his-own servants-from-among one to-servant of-himself-near having-called
 pus'lā, 'hā kā hōy r' Tyā-nē tyā-sīn sāngit'lā kī, 'tum-chā bhāu ālā-āhē
it was-asked, 'this what is?' Him-by him-to it-was-told that, 'your brother come-is
 'lar tum-chō bāpā-nē chāng'lā bhōjan kēlā-āhē Kāhun kī tyā-lō
Therefore your father-by good a-feast made-is Because that him-to
 ching'lī pāv'lī' Mag tō gusā jhālā Tāv'hā tō āt-madhī nāhi gēlī
safe is-found' Then he angry became Then he inside not went
 Ya chē-lūk tvī-chā bīp bāhar yēun-sānī tyās manāu lāg'lā Tyā-nō
Therefore him-of father out having-come to-him to-entreat began Him by
 bīpas jibāb dēlā kī, 'pahā, mī it'lō varsa jhālā āp'lī
to-the-father reply is-given that, 'see, I so-many years became your-own
 sevā kartō, anikh mī tum-chē kōuhī bīt nāhi tār'lō, anikh tumbī
service do, and I your any speech not avoided, and you
 māhī yek sārī-chī pūth'rū bhī nīhī dūlā kī mī āp'lē mitā-chō
and one she goat of a-young-one even not gave that I my-own friends-of
 sāngā khūsi kartō Āp'lī hō lēk'rū jō kharāb rāndūi-chō
with pleasure might-make Your-own this son who bad harlots-of

sangā tum-chā dhan khāun vas'lā, jēvhā ālā tēvhā tumī
with your money having-eaten lived, when came then by-you
 tyā-chā-karitā chāng'lā bhōjan kēlē ' Bāpā-nē tyās man'lā, 'hē bētā,
him-of-foi good a-feast was-made ' The-father-by to-him it-was-said, ' O son,
 tu sadī mājhē-sangā āhēs, jō-kāhī mājhā āhē tō tujhā āhē Ānand
thou always of-me-with art, whatever mine is that thine is Joy
 karāvā vō khuśī karāvā jarūrat hōtā Kāhun kī hē
should-be-made and pleasure should-be-made necessary was Because that this
 tujhā bhāū melā hōtā, ātī jīvat jhālā, khōun gēlā hōtā, ātā mīr'lā-āhē '
thy brother dead was, now alive has-become, lost gone was, now got-is '

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

MARHĒTĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT BALAGHAT)

SPECIMEN II.

मी त्या पोऱ्याला आपल्या सांगात जांबुर खावाले नेलो होतो। मी येका मोठ्या भाडा-पासी गेलो, मंग त्या भाडा-वर चंगलो। पोरगा भाडा-च्या खाली उभा होता। मी वरताऊन जांबुर टाकत होतो, पोरगा काही जांबुर खात होता अन काही ठेवत होता। मी मंग भाडा वरना उतरलो अन त्या पोराले घेऊन घरा-कड येत होतो। मोठ्या तऱ्या-पासी आलो, मंग मी त्याचा गरा दोही हाताना धरून त्याले खालता पाळो, त्याच्या गया-वर टोंघरा ठेऊन गरा मुरडून देला। थोड्या येरा मधी पोरगा फडफडून मरून गेला। तो मेला तऱ्हा त्याच्या कानातल्या दोन वाऱ्या अन हातातल्या तीन येरा काऱ्याल्या अन कढ्यात ठेवल्या। मंग त्या पोराले उचलून डोवनीत फेकून देलो, त्याचा डोसका मंग चिखलात दाबून देलो, उफले नको म्हणून, मग मी आपल्या घराले चाला गेलो। येक कलार माभ्या घराले आला अन मले दारूच्या दुकाना-वर घेऊन गेला। तेथ त्या पोराचा बाप तलास करत आला अन माभ्या-सीन पुसू लागला, पोरगा तुभ्या सांगा-मंधी जांबुर खावाले आला होता तो कोठी गेला। मी म्हतलो मी नाही जानत। वऱ्हा लोक जमा भाले। समदे मिरून पोराले तऱ्या-वर पाऱ्हाले गेले। तेंधा-वर मी आपल्या घराले पळून गेलो। एक रोज माहाराच्या वाडीत लपून होतो। मग दूसऱ्या रोजी तेथून निघून तिन दीसात मडल्या मधी गेलो। तेथ पोलीसान मला धरला ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

MARHETI DIALECT

(DISTRICT BALAGHAT)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Mi tyā pōr'yā-lā āp'lyi sāngāt jāmbur khāvā-lē nēlō-hōtō
I that boy-to of-myself with the-jāmun-fi ut eat-to brought had
 Mi vēkī mōthyā jhārā-pāsī gēlō, mang tyā jhārā-var ohang'lō
I a big tree-near went, then that tree-upon climbed
 Pōr'gā jhārā-chyā-khāli uhhā hōtā Mi var'tāun jāmbur
The boy of-the-tree-under standing was I above-from jāmun-fi ut
 tīkat hōtō, pōr'gā kāhī jāmbur khāt hōtā, an kāhī thēvat
knowing was, the-boy some jāmun-fi ut eating was, and some keeping
 hōtā Mi mang jhārā-var'nā utar'lō, an tyā pōrā-lē ghēun
was I then the-tree from descended, and that boy-to having-taken
 gharā-kara yēt hōtō Mōthyā taryā-pāsī ālō, mang mī tyā-chā
house-to coming was The-great tank-near came, then I him-of
 garā dōhī hātā-nā dharūn tyā-lē khāl'tā pālō, tyā-chyā garyā-var
neck both hands-with having-caught him-to down felled, his neck-on
 tōngh'rā thēun garā mur'dūn dēlā. Thōryā yērā mandhī
the-knee having-placed the-neck having-twisted was-given A-little time within
 pōr'gā phar-pharūn marūn gēlā Tō mēlā tavhā tyā-chyā kānāt'lyā
the-boy having-gurgled having-died went He died then his ear-in-from
 dōn buryā an hātāt'lyā tin yērā kābhālyā, an
two ear-rings and hands-in-from three armlets were-taken-out, and
 kadhyāt thēv'lyā Mang tyā pōrā-lē uoh'lūn dōb'nit
in-the-waist-band were-put Then that boy-to having-lifted in-the-pool
 phēkūn dēlō, tyā-chā dōs'kā mang chikh'lāt dābūn
having-thrown gave, his head then in-mud having-pressed
 dēlō, uph'lē nakō mhanūn, mang mī ap'lyā gharā-lē ohālā
gave, float-up should-not therefore, then I my-own house-to gone
 gēlō Yēk kalār mājhyā gharā-lē ālā, an ma-lē dārā-chyā
went One kalār my house-to came, and me-to liquor-of
 dukānā-var ghēun gēlā Tētha tyā pōrā-ohā bāp talās karat
shop-to having-taken went. There that boy-of father enquiry making
 ālā, an mājhyā-sin pusū lāg'lā, ' pōr'gā tujhyā-sāngā-mandhī
came, and of-me-with to-ask began, ' the-boy of-thee-with

jāmbur <i>jāmun-fruit</i>	khāvā-lē <i>eat-to</i>	ālā <i>come</i>	hōtā <i>was</i>	tō <i>he</i>	kōṭhī <i>where</i>	gōlā ? ' <i>went ? ' </i>	Mi <i>I</i>	
mhanṭ ^l ō, <i>said,</i>	'mī <i>'I</i>	nabī <i>not</i>	jānat ' <i>know ' </i>	Bahū <i>Many</i>	lōk <i>people</i>	jamā <i>gathered</i>	jhālē <i>became</i>	Sam ^d ō <i>All</i>
mirūn <i>together</i>	pōrā-lē <i>boy-to</i>	taryā-var <i>tank-on</i>	pāvā-lē <i>see-to</i>	gēlē <i>went.</i>	Tendhā-var <i>In-the-meantime</i>	mī <i>I</i>		
āp ^l ya <i>my-own</i>	gharā-lē <i>house-to</i>	parūn <i>having-run</i>	gēlō <i>went</i>	Ek <i>One</i>	rōj <i>day</i>	mābārā-ohyā <i>a-mahār-of</i>		
vāṛit <i>in-a-courtyard</i>	lapūn <i>having-hidden</i>	hōtō <i>I-was</i>	Mang <i>Then</i>	dūs ² ryā <i>the-second</i>	rōjī <i>in-day</i>	tēthūn <i>there-from</i>		
ninghūn <i>having-gone</i>	tin <i>three</i>	disāt <i>in-days</i>	Mand ^l ya <i>Mandla</i>	mandhī <i>into</i>	gēlō <i>went</i>	Tētha <i>There</i>	pōlisā-na <i>the-police-by</i>	
ma-lā <i>me-to</i>	dhar ^l ā <i>it-was-caught</i>							

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

I took that boy with me to eat jāmun-fruit. I went and climbed a big tree, and the boy stood under the tree. I threw the fruits down from above, and the boy ate some of them and put others by. Then I descended from the tree and went with the boy towards the house. When I came to a big tank, I seized the boy's neck with both hands and knocked him down. Then I put my knee on his neck and wrung it, and the boy gurgled and died. After he had died I took two ear-rings from his ears and three trinkets from his hands and put them in my waistband. Then I lifted the boy and threw him into the pool, and pressed his head down into the mud in order that it should not float up. After that I went home. Then a Kalār (liquor-merchant) came to my house and took me to a liquor-shop. There the boy's father came to make enquiries, and he asked me, 'my boy went with you to eat jāmun-fruit, where has he gone?' I answered that I did not know. Then many men gathered and went together to the tank and found the boy. In the meantime I had run to my house. Then I hid for a day in the courtyard of a Mahār. The next day I went and stayed for three days in Mandla, and there the police caught me.

NATAKĀNĪ

This dialect is spoken by about 180 individuals in the Sironcha Tahsil of the Ohanda district, the principal language of which is Telugu. Its base is the common Marāthī of the Central Provinces. The influence of the prevailing language of the neighbourhood has, however, to some extent changed the character of the dialect, so that it must be considered as a broken form of speech.

Short *a* is often pronounced as an open *o*, and *ō* is sometimes written instead, thus, *mōnt^llōn* and *mant^llan*, it was said, *na-kō* and *nō-kō*, it is not proper.

Long vowels are constantly shortened, thus, *mī*, I, *tī*, she, *tyā-cha bāp*, his father.

It has not been possible to ascertain how the palatals are pronounced. They have, therefore, been transliterated as *ch*, *j*, etc., throughout.

Aspirated letters very commonly lose their aspiration. Thus, *mājā* and *mājhā*, my.

The various genders are no longer correctly distinguished. Thus, we find *tyā-lē dayā ālā*, him-to pity came, *tyā-lē rāg ālī*, him to anger came.

There are no instances of the relative pronoun, participles being apparently used instead, thus, *duk^lī ā khāllā pōtu-nē*, swine eaten husks-with, with the husks which the swine ate, *tū sāng^llāsa askat*, thou said-such hearing, hearing what you said.

In the inflection of verbs it should be noted that several forms end in *n*, thus, *mī jātan* and *jyātō*, I go, *mī mantōn*, I say, *tujhā bhāū ālan*, thy brother has come, *māhag pad^llan*, a famine arose.

The past tense of transitive verbs only occurs in the neuter form ending in *lan*, thus, *mī pāp kēlan*, I did sin, *mī vāt pāh^llan*, I looked at the way, *tū pilu nah^l dēlan*, thou didst not give a kid, *tō* (and *tyā-na*) *mant^llan*, he said, and so forth.

Note also forms such as *khāunu*, we should eat, *āhunu* and *rāhun*, we should remain, *pāyē*, see, *jyāy*, go. The final *u* in *khāunu*, etc., is due to the influence of Telugu.

The general character of the dialect will be seen from the specimens which follow.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

NATAKĀNĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA)

SPECIMEN I.

एका मानसाले दोघे लेकरे राहिले। त्यातला लाहान वापा-संगा मटलन, वापा, माज्या तक्षिमीचा माल मले दे। त्यास माल समदा वाटून घातलन। मग लाहान लेकरू आपला माल घेउन दूर देसाले निगून गेला। दिमाक काम करून माल दवडलन। समदा माल दवडला-वर ते देसात मोठा माहग पडलन। त्याले काहि नव्ह-तन। ते देसातले एका मानसा-पासि जाउन नवकर राहिलन। त्याले त्यान दण्डात डुकरे चाराले धाडून देलन। डुकरा खाला पोतुने पोटा भरलन। त्याले कोनि काहि नाहि देलन। तवार त्यान मटलन, माझे वापा-जवर किति नवकरले खायले पियले आहे। मी अन्ना नाहिसी मरून जातन। मी उठून वापा-जवर ज्यातो त्याले मन-तीन, वापा मि तुझे-पुरे आकाशा-पुरे पाप केलन। आज-पासून तुजे लेक मनु नोको। तुजे नवकरा-मंदे मले कर। तो उठला, वापा-जवर गेला। तो दूर आहे तवर त्याले त्याने पाहलन। त्याले दया आला। धाउन गया-वर पडलन, मूका घेतलन। त्याले लेकरू मनाला, वापा मि आकाशा-पुरे तुजे-पुरे पाप केलन। आज-पासून तुजे लेक मनु नको। वाप नवकराले मनाला धड फडकि घेउन ये, त्याले घाल। त्याले हाताले मुदि घाल, पायाले वाहना घाल। आम्हि खाउनु सुखा-कुन राहुनु। काहेले मनाल तर मभा लेक मरून गेला फिरून वाचला, सुटून गेला फिरून मिरारा। ते सुख पडू लागले ॥

त्याचा मोठा लेक दण्डात होता। तो जवर घरा-जवर आला, नाच गाना ऐकलन। एक नवकराले बोलावलन, काय मनून खबर घेतलन। तो त्याले मनाला, तुम्हा भाज आलन, तुम्हे वाप खाना वाडलन, तो चांगला आला मनून। त्याले राग आलि, आत नाही जाउन त्याचा वाप बाहिर आला, त्याले वत-मिलाडनन। तो वापा-संगा मंटलन, मि भू रोज-पासून तुम्हे-जवर आहे। तू संगलास ऐकत आहे। तरि-पन तू दोस्तितोन सन्तोष पडाले मनून एक सेरिच पिलु नही देलन। अता तुम्हा लेक आल्यासाठी, तो माल राखडाले घातलन, त्याले तू अन्ना घातलन। तो मनाला, लेका, तू माजे-सगा आहेस। मज-जवर आहे समद तुजाच। आपन सुखा-कुन राहुन संभमकुन राहुन। काहेले मटल्यास तुम्हा भाज मरून गेला फिरून वाचला, सुटून गेला फिरून सपडला ॥

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ

NATAKĀNĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA.)

SPECIMEN I

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekā mām'sā-lē dōghē lēk'rē rāhulē Tyāt'lā lāhān bāpā-sangā
 One man-to two sons were Them-in-from younger father-to
 mant'lan, 'bāpā, mājyā takshimī-chā māl ma-lē dē' Tyās māl sam'dā
 said, 'father, of-me division-of property me-to give' To-them property all
 vātūn ghāt'lan Mang lāhān lēk'rū āp'lā māl ghēūn dūr
 having-divided put Then the-younger son his-own property having-taken far
 dēsā-lē ningūn gēlā Dimāk kām karūn māl davad'lan
 a-country-to having-gone-forth went Riotous work having-done property he-squandered
 Sam'dā māl davad'lā-var tē dēsāt mōthā māhag pad'lan
 Whole property being-wasted-upon that in country great dearthness fell
 Tyā-lē kāhī navh'tan Tē dēsāt'lē ēkā mām'sā-pāsi jāūn
 Him-to anything was-not That country-in-from one man-near having-gone
 nav'kar rāhulan. Tyā-lē tyā-na dandāt dukrē chārā-lē dhādūn dēlan
 servant (he-)lived Him-to him-by into-field sicine graze-to having-sent was-given
 Dukrā khālā pōtu-nē pōt bhar'lan Tyā-lē kōmī kāhī nāhī dēlan
 Swine eaten husks with belly (he-)filled Him-to anyone anything not gave
 Tavār tyā-na mant'lan, 'mājhē bāpā-javar kiti nav'kar-lē khāy-lē piy-lē
 Then him-by it-was-said, 'my father-near how many servants-to eat-to drink-to
 āhē Mī annā nāhūsō marūn jātan Mī uṭhūn bāpā-javar
 is I food having not-got having-died am-going I having-arisen father-near
 jyātō tyā-lē mantōn, "bāpā, mī tujhē-purē ākāsā-purē pāp kēlan
 go him-to will-say, "father, by-me of-thee-before heaven-before sin is-done
 Āj-pāsūn tujē lēk manu nōkō Tujē nav'karā-mandē ma-lē kar"" Tō uṭh'lā,
 Today-from thy son say do-not Thy servants-among me to make"" He arose,
 bāpā-javar gēlā Tō dūr āhē tavar tyā-lē tyāi-nē pāhālan Tyā-lē dayā
 father-near went He far is then him-to him-by it-was-seen Him-to compassion
 ālā Dhāūn garyā-var pad'lan, mūkā ghēt'lan Tyā-lē lēkru manālā, 'bāpā,
 came Having-run neck-upon he-fell, kiss took Him-to son said, 'father,
 mī ākāsā-purē tujē-purē pāp kēlan Āj-pāsūn tujē lēk manu
 by-me heaven-before of-thee-before sin is-done Today-from thy son say

nakō ' Bāp nav^akarā-lē manālā, 'dhad phad^akī ghēūn yē, tyā-lē
do-not ' *The-father servant-to said, 'best robe having-taken come, him-to*
 ghāl Tyā-lē hātā-lē mundi ghāl, pāyā-lē vāh^anā ghāl Āmhi khāunu
put Him-to hand-to a-ung put, feet-to shoes put We will-eat
 sukhā-kun iāhunu Kahē-lē manāl tai, majhā lēk marūn gēlā,
pleasure-with let-us live Why (if-)you-will-say then, my son having-died went,
 phirūn vāch^alā, sutūn gēlā, phirūn mirārā ' Tē sukh-padū lāg^alē
again was-saved, lost went, again was-obtained ' *They to-be-merry began*

Tyā-chā mōthā lēk dandāt hōtā Tō javar gharā-javar ālā, nāch-gānā
His elder son in-field was He when house-near came, dancing-singing
 aik^alan Ēk nav^akarā-lē bōlāv^alan, kāy manūn khabai ghēt^alan Tō tyā-lē
heard One servant-to he-called, what saying news he-took He him-to
 manālā, 'tujhā bhāū ālan, tujhē bāp khānā vād^alan, "tō chāng^alā ālā,"
said, 'thy brother came, thy father dinner served, "he good came,"
 manūn.' Tyā-lē iāg āli, āt nāhī jāūn, tyā-chā bāp bāhu ālā,
having-said ' *Him-to anger came, inside not having-gone, his father out came,*
 tyā-lē bat-mulād^anan. Tō bāpā-sangā mant^alan, 'mi bhū rōj-pāsūn
him words-caused-to unite He father-to said, 'I many days-from
 tujhē-javar āhē, tū sāng^alāsa aikat āhē, tari-pan tū dōsti-tōn
of-thee-near am, thou told-so hearing I-am, still thou friends-with
 santōsh padā-lē manūn ēk sēm-cha pilu nahī dēlan Atā tujhā
merriment enjoy-to therefore one she-goat-of young-one not gavest Now thy
 lēk ālyāsāṭi, tō māl iāndā-lē ghāt^alan, tyā-lē tū annā ghāt^alan ' Tō
son coming-for, he property harlots-to put, him-to thou food puttest ' *He*
 manālā, 'lēkā, tū mājē-sangā āhēs, maj-javar āhē, sam^ada tujā-ch Āpan
said, 'son, thou of-me-with art, me-with is, all thine-alone We
 sukhā-kun rāhun sambhram-kun rāhun, kāhē-lē mant^alyās,
happiness-with should-remain eagerness-with should-remain, why if-you-say,
 tujhā bhāū marūn gēlā, phirūn vāch^alā, satūn gēlā, phirūn sapad^alā '
thy brother having-died went, again lived, lost went again was-found '

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHI

NATAKĀNĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHANDA.)

SPECIMEN II.

A POPULAR TALE

एके गावा-मदे वीरप्पा मनाचा लेकर राहिलन । एके दिसि त्याचे बाप त्याले बोलाविलन । त्याले भाजेचि टोपलि देलन । आपले दोस्तिले देयाले सांगितलन । मग वीरप्पा टोपलि डोकि-वर घेतलन, अभिरामम्मा-जवर जाजन ते तिले दिलन । भाजे घेउन अभिरामम्मा मनालि, माझे लरका वीरप्पा तूसाठि भूरोज भयाले वाट पाहलन । तूसाठि चांगला इनाम राखलन । वीरप्पा मनाला, बये, कयचा इनाम । ति मनालि काहि रोजा-मगे तू दोन गोरवड्क पाखरे मागितलन, तुले हेतु नाहि का । तवर त्याने हेतु आहे मटलन, कोठे आहे मनून खबर घेतलन । हे पाये, दोन पाखरे पंजरा-मदे आहे मटलन । या-मदे तुले येक दूसरे तुझे भावाले । आपले घराले वेस व्याय, वाटे-वर आलस करू नकु । तू घराले जाजन तवर पंजरा झाकून ठेव । मग वीरप्पा कुसीने गेलन । तो आपले दोस्तिले मनाला, या पंजरात दोन चांगले पाखरे आहेत ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ekē gāvā-mandē Virappā manā-ohā lēk'rū rāhīlan. Ekē disī tyā-ohē
 One village in Virappā called a-boy lived One day his
 bāp tyā-lē bōlāvilan, tyā-lē bhājē-ohi tōp'li dēlan, āp'lē dōsti-lē
 father him-to called, him-to vegetable-of a basket gave, his-own friend-to
 dēyā-lē sāngit'lan Mang Virappā tōp'li dōki-var ghēt'lan, Abhirāmammā-javar
 give-to he told Then Virappā the-basket head upon took, Abhirāmammā-near
 jāūn tē ti-lē dilan Bhāji ghēūn Abhirāmammā manāli,
 having-gone that her to gave Vegetable having-taken Abhirāmammā said,
 'mājhē larkā Virappā, tūsāthi bhū rōj jhyālē vāṭ pāh'lan,
 'my (dear) boy Virappā, thee-for many days became (thy-)way was-looked-at,
 tūsāthi ohāng'lā mām rākh'lan' Virappā manālā, 'bayē, kay-chā mām ?'
 thee-for good reward was kept' Virappā said, 'lady, what-of reward ?'

Ti manāli, 'kāhi rōjā-mangē tū dōn gōrṽanka pākḥ'rē māngit'lan, tu-lē
She said, 'some days-ago thou two gōrvank birds didst-ask, thee-to
 hētu nāhi kā?' Tavar tyā-nē, 'hētu āhē,' manṭ'lan, 'kōthē
recollection not what?' Then him-by, 'recollection is,' it-was-said, 'where
 āhē,' manūn khabar ghēt'lan 'Hē pāyē, dōn pākḥ'rē pañj'rā-mandē
is,' so-saying news was-taken 'This see, two birds cage-in
 āhē,' manṭ'lan 'Yā-mandē tu-lē yēk dūs'rē tujhē bhāvā-lē Āp'lē
are,' (she) said 'These-among thee-to one the-other thy brother-to Thy-own
 gharā-lē bēs jyāy, vātē-var ālas karū-na-ku Tū gharā-lē
house-to well (carefully) go, the-way-on laziness do-not-make Thou house-to
 jāūn tavar pañj'rā jhākūn thēv.' Mang Virappā kusī-nē
having-gone then the-cage having-closed keep' Then Vīrappā gladness-with
 gēlan Tō āp'lē dōstī-lē manālā, 'yā pañj'rāt dōn chāng'lē pākḥ'rē
went He his-own friend-to said, 'this in-cage two good birds
 āhēt'
are'

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

In a certain village there lived a boy called Virappā. One day his father gave him a basket full of vegetables and asked him to carry it to his friend. Virappā took the basket on his head, went to Abhirāmammā and gave it to her. She took the vegetables and said, 'my dear Virappā, I have been on the look-out for you for many days. I have a good reward for you.' Virappā said, 'my lady, what is that?' She said, 'some days ago you asked for two Gōrvanka birds. Don't you remember?' Then he said that he did remember, and asked where they were. 'Look here, the two birds are in this cage,' she said, 'one of them is for you and the other for your brother. Go carefully home, and don't be slow on the road. Keep the cage closed till you are at home.' Now Virappā went happy away and said to his friend, 'two good birds are in this cage.'

KATIA OR KATIYĀI

The Katias are an important caste of weavers and village watchmen in the Central Provinces. At the census of 1891 their number was returned as 48,940. In 1901, the number was 31,924. They were found mainly on the Satpuras and in Hoshangabad. In the latter district and in Seoni and Chhindwara they number over 2 per cent of the population.

The Katias probably all speak the dialect of their neighbours. According to the information collected for the use of the Linguistic Survey there is, however, a separate form of speech called Katiyāi in Chhindwara and Katia in Narsinghpur. The number of speakers has been estimated as follows —

Chhindwara	.	-	18,000
Narsinghpur			700
		TOTAL	<u>18,700</u>

Specimens have been forwarded from both districts, and they show that the dialect in question is a mechanical mixture of Marāṭhī and Hindī. The phonetical system is Hindī, and not Marāṭhī. This latter language has, however, so largely influenced the inflection of nouns and verbs, that the dialect must now be classed as Marāṭhī rather than Hindī, especially in Chhindwara.

The case suffixes are partly Marāṭhī and partly Hindī, thus, *ghōryā chā*, of a horse, *jhād-kē*, of a tree, *gharī*, *gharāt*, and *ghar-mē*, in the house, *kisbanō-chē sāth*, in company with harlots.

The same is the case with the personal pronouns, thus, *mē*, *mī* and *mañ*, I, *mē-nē*, by my, *mājhā* and *māhā*, my, *ham* and *amhī*, we, *tyā-nē* and *tā-nē*, by him, *ts-mē-sē* and *tin-mē-sē*, from among them, *tēn-chā*, their, etc. In Narsinghpur *jō* and *jab* are often demonstratives, meaning 'that,' 'then,' respectively. Compare Bundeli.

The verb substantive usually takes the Marāṭhī form, thus, *āhē*, he is, *hōtē*, they were. Occasionally, however, we also find forms such as *hai*, he is, *thā*, he was.

The past tense of finite verbs is usually formed by adding an *l*-suffix, thus, *gelā*, he went, *karālē*, I did, *kēlā*, he did. A common form of the third person singular in Chhindwara ends in *an* or *tan*, thus, *bōlan*, he said, *karān*, he did, *dētān*, and once *dētān*, he gave, etc.

It would, however, be waste of space and paper to go into details. The mixed nature of the dialect will be seen from the specimens which follow.

[No. 82]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

KAIYĀI OR KATĪA DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA.)

SPECIMEN I.

कोई आदमीचे दोन लेंकरे होते। तिसमेंसे नहानने बापला बोलन, दादा सपतमेंसे जो हिस्सा हो तो माला दे। तब ताने अपनी संपत दोनई-ला बाटी देतम। मुतक दिन नहीं जाले के नहान लेकर सबला एकट्ठा करीसन दूर देसला चाला गेला और तथी लच्चापनमें दिन खोई देतन अपनी संपतला डड़ई देतन। जब तो सब कुछ उड़ई देतन तब तो देसमें बड़ा काल पड़ी गेला और तो कंगाल बनी गेला। और तो जाईसन तो देसचे आदमीचे बीचमें एकच्या इथी राह लागला ज्याने ताला आपला खेतमें सोरी चरउला पोहोचु देतलेन। और तो तें कोदेस जो सोरी खाता है आपना पोट भरा चाहत था। और ताला कोई कुछ नहीं देत था। तब ताचे दिलमें समज आली और ताने बोलन के, माभा बापचे कितछे चाकराला पोट लुक भाकरी बनत होती, और मैं भुक लुकक मरते आय। मैं उठीसन अपने बाप जोरे जाईसन और ताला बोलिन, दादा मेने भगवानचे घरी और तुमचे सामने पाप करले आहे। मैं फिर तुमचा लेकर कहावनेचा लायक नइया, माला तुमच्या मजूरमि-लुक एकचे वरावर करा। तब तो उठीसन अपने बाप जोरे चालला। पर तो दूरी होता के ताचे बापाने ताला देखीसन दरंग आला और दौड़ीसन ताचे गरामें मिलीसन चुमा घेतन। लेकरने ताला बोलन, दादा, मेने भगवानचे घरी और तुमचे सामने पाप करले आहे। और फिर तुमचा लेकर मैं बोलीच्या लायक नइया। पर बापाने आपला नौकरला सांगले सब लुक चागला कपड़ा निकाारीसन ताला लिवाई द्या और ताचे हाथमें मुदी और पावमें मोचरी लिवाई द्या, और हम अच्छा खाईसन और खुशी करा, का की हा माभा लेकर मरी गेला होता फिर जीता जाला, ख्वाही गेला होता फिर मिछा आहे। तब ते खुशी करो लागले ॥

ताचा बड़ा लेकर खेतमें होता। और जब तो येत होता और घरचे जोरे पोहचला तब वाजा और नाचचा आवाज ऐकन। और ताने अपने नौकरमि-लुक एकला आपने जोरे बुलाईसन पूछन, हा काय होई राहिला है। ताने ताला बोलन

के, तुम्हा भाज आला है और तुमचा बापने चागला खावला बनवला है। हाचे लिये के ताला अच्छा मिछा है। पर ताने क्रोध करन और भीतर जाना नहीं चाहून। हाचे लिये ताचा बापने बाहेर निकरीसन ताला मनज लागला। ताने बापला जवाब देतन के, देखो में दूतले वरस लुके आपची सेवा करत होते और कभी आपची बातला मेने नहीं तोड़ली। और माला तुमने कभी एक ठोला पाठ भी नहीं दितले के में अपने दोस्ताचा साथ खुशी करता। पर तुमचा हा लेकर के जाने किसबनोचे साथ आपची संपत खड्या करन जब तो आला तब आपन ताचे लाने अच्छा खावला केला है। बापने ताला बोलन, लेकर तु हमेस माझे जोरे राहता और जो कुछ माझा है सो तुम्हा है। पर खुशी होना और खुशी करना चाहिये होता। कहा की, हा तुम्हा भाज मरी गेला होता सो फिर जीता जाला आहे खोवार्द गेला होता फिर मिछा है ॥

[No 82.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARĀTHĪ

KATTYĀI OR KATIĀ DIALECT

(DISTRICT CHHINDWARA.)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōi ād'mī-chē dōn lēk'rē hōtē Tis-mē-sē nahān-nē bāp-lā
A-certain man-of two sons were Them-in from the-younger-by the-father-to
 bōlan, 'dādā, sampat-mē-sē jō hissā hō tō mā-lā dē' Tab
it-was-said, 'father, property-in-of which portion may-be that me-to give' Then
 tā-nē ap'ni sampat dōn-i-lā bāti dētām. Mut'kē dīn nahī jālē kē
him by his property both-to having-divided was-given Many days not became that
 nahān lēkur sab-lā ēkatthā karī-san dūi dēs-lā chālā gēlā, aur
the-younger son all together having-made fai country-to departed went, and
 tathī lachchāpan-mē dīn khōi-dētān, ap'ni sampat-lā urai dētān
there debauchery-in days passed, his property having-squandered gave.
 Jab tō sab kuchh urai dētān tab tō dēs-mē barā kāl
When he all anything having-squandered gave then that country-in great famine
 parī gēlā, aur tō kangāl banī gēlā Aur tō jāi-sīn tō
having fallen went, and he destitute having-become went And he having-gone that
 dēs-chē ād'mī-chē bīch-mē ēk-chyā ithī rāhū lāg'lā, jyā-nē tā-lā āp'lā khēt-
country-of men-of midst-in one-of there to-live began, whom-by him his field-
 mē sōri charāū-lā pōhōchu dēt'lēn Aur tō tē kōdēs jō sōri khātā
in swine feeding-for to-attain was-given And he that hush which swine eating
 hai āp'nā pōt bharā chāhat thā Aur tā-lā kōi kuchh nahī dēt thā
are his belly to-fill wishing was And him-to anybody anything not giving was
 Tab tā chē dil-mē samaj ālī, aur tā-nē bōlan kē, 'mājhā bāp-chē
Then his heart-in sense came, and him-by it-was-said that, 'my father-of
 kit chhē chāk'rā-lā pōt luk bhāk'tri banat hōtī, aur māi bhuk-lukak
how-many servants-to belly than bread being obtained was, and I hunger-with
 martē āy Māi uthī-san ap'nē bāp jōrē jāisan aur tā-lā bōlan,
dying am I having-arisen my father near having-gone again him-to will-say,
 "dādā, mē-nē Bhag'vān-chē gharī au tum-chē sām'nē pāp kar'lē āhē Māi
'father, me-by God-of in house and you-of before sin done is I
 phir tum-chā lēkun kahāvanē-chā lāyak nāiyā Mā-lā tum chyā majūr-mu-luk
again your son being-called-of worthy not-am Me your servants-of

ěk-chē barābar karā''' Tab tō uṭhī-san ap'nē bāp jōrē chāl'lā Par tō
one-of like make''' Then he having-arisen his father near went But he
 dūri hōtā kē tā-chē bāpā-nē tā-lā dēkhi-san darēg ālā, aur dauṛī-san
far was that his father by him having-been compassion came, and having-un
 tā-chē garā-mē mili-san chumā ghētan Lēkur-nē tā-lā bōlan,
his neck-on having-joined kiss was-taken The-son-by him-to it-was-said,
 'dādā, mē-nē Bhag*vān-chē gharī au tum-chē sām'nē pāp kai'lē āhē . Aur
'father, me-by God-of in-house and you of before sin done is And
 phur tum-chā lēkur mañ bōli-chyā lāyak naiyā' Pai bāpā-ne āp'lā
again your son I saying-of worthy not-am' But the father-by his
 naukār-lā sāng'lē, 'sab luk chāng'lā kap'rā nikārī-san tā-lā
servants to it-was-said, 'all than good cloth having-brought him-to
 livāi dyā, aur tā chē hāth-mē mudi aur pāv-mē mōch'ri
having-applied give, and him of hand-on ring and feet-on shoes
 livāi dyā, aur ham achchhā khāi-san aur khuṣī karā, kā-kī
having-applied give, and we good having-eaten again merry make, because
 hā mājhā lēku marī gēlā hōtā, phur jītā jālā, khvāhī gēlā
this my son having-died gone was, again alive became, lost gone
 hōtā, phur millā āhē' Tab tē khuṣī karō lāg'lē
was, again found is' Then they merriment to-make began

Tā-chā barā lēkur khēt-mē hōtā Aur jab tō yēt hōtā
His elder son field-in was And when he coming was
 aur ghai-chē jōrē pōbach'lā, tab bājā aur nāch-chā āvāj aikan
and house-of near arrived, then playing and dance-of sound was-heard
 Aur tā-nē ap'nē naukār-mi-luk ěk-lā āp'nē jōrē bulāi-san pūchhan,
And him-by his servants-from one-to his near having-called it-was-asked,
 'hā kāy hōi rāhulā hai?' Tā-nē tā-lā bōlan kē,
'this what having-become being is?' Him-by him-to it-was-said that,
 'tujhā bbāū ālā hai, aur tum-chā bāp-nē chāng'lā khāy-lā
'thy brother come is, and your father-by good eating-for
 banav'lā-hai, hā-chē hyē kē tā-lā achchhā millā-hai' Pai tā-nē krōdh
arranged-is, this-of for that him-to well met-is' But him-by anger
 karan, aur bhitar jā-nā nahī obāhūn Hā-chē hyē tā-chā bāp-nē
was-made, and inside to-go not wished This-of for his father-by
 bābēr nik'rī-san tā-lā manaū lāg'lā Tā-nē bāp-lā javāb dētan
out having-gone him to-entreat began Him-by father-to answer was-given
 kē, 'dēkhō, mē it'lē baras lukē āp-chī sēvā karat hōtē,
that, 'see, I so-many years from your-Honour's service doing was,
 aur kabhī āp-chī bāt-lā mē-nē nahī tōṛ'lī. Aur mā-lā tum.
and ever your-Honour's word me-by not was-broken And me-to you-

nē kabhī ēk thōla pāth bhī nahī dīlē, kē mē ap'nē dōstā-chā
by ever one single kid even not was-given, that I my friends-of
 sāth knusī kar'tā Par tum-chā hā lēkur kē jā-nē kis'banō-chē
with merry might-make But your this son that whom-by harlots-of
 sāth āp-chī sampat khayā karan, jab tō ālā tab
with your-Honour's property devoured was-made, when he came then
 .āpan tā-chē lānē achchhā khāv-lā kēlā hai.' Bāp-nē tā-lā
your-Honour-by him for good feast-to made is' The-father-by him-to
 bōlan, 'lēkur, tu hamēs mājhē jōrē rāh'tā, aur jō-kuohh mājhā
it-was-said, 'son, thou always me-of near art, and whatever mine
 hai, sō tujhā hai Par khusī hōnā aur khusī kar'nā chāhiyē hōtā,
is, that thine is But merry to-be and merry to-make proper was,
 kahā-kī hā tujhā bhāū marī gēlā hōtā, sō phū jītā jālā
because this thy brother having-died gone was, he again alive become
 āhē, khōvāī gēlā hōtā, phir millā hai'
is, being-lost gone was, again found is'

[No 83.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

KATHI OR KATHI DIALECT.

(DISTRICT NARSINGPUR.)

SPECIMEN II.

एक भना-चें दोन लेकुरे होते । तिनमेंसे कोटि लेकुरने अपने बापला मोलले के, जो घरी जो धन आहे सो मांभा हिस्सा सो माना दुन दे । तव बापने तिन्हे अपना धन पाटु दिलले । कछु दिनोंचें पीछू नाहुन लेकुर अपना धन-दौलत घुंके परदेगला चढा गेला । तेचू गंवारी चालसे सब धन बरवाद करू दिलले । जब कोरा रहुं गेळा तो देश-पे नडा काल पडला । तहीं तो भूखों मरों लगला । तहीं तो कोई देसु-आदमी-खाँ नौकर लगु गेळा । तांन्हा ताने सुंगरियोँ चरोंला राखले । जब तो सुंगरियोँचीं खाँवची नूठनपेनू अपना पोटु भरोँ चाहले, कोई आदमी तांन्हा कछु न देत होता । जब तो खबर-पे आला तव बोली लगला, ऐ मांभे दैय्या, जब मांभे नाप-खाँ कितते आदमोंला पोटु-भर खाँवला मिलत होता, और वचु रझत होता । और मैं भूखों मरते आहेँ । अब मैं उठकेँ बापचें जोरे जाँते और अब बोलही, दादा मीनें तूजे साम्हने परमेश्वरचा दोष करले है । अब भी तूजे लेकुर बोललो लाखतूँ नहीं टाले । अपने नौकरोँ एक घाँई माना सोई रखू घेआ । जब तो उठुकेँ ठाडा जाला, और अपने बापचें जोरें गेळा । बापने दूरेनू आवत देखू घिन्न ताँचा-ऊपर दया करले, और तांन्हा दौरजकेँ गछसे लगुँअं घिन्नले और चूमा घिन्न । तव लेकुरने बोलले, हे दादा मीनें तूजे साम्हने परमेश्वरचाँ कसूर करले हैं । मी तुजे लेकुर कछाले लोग नहीं राले । पै बापने अपने नौकरोँला हुक्म दिलले, नोनेचे नोने उन्हेँ आन्ह तांन्हा नोन्हेँ पहरन देआ । और एक जोडी पनन्हेँ पाँवला । चला सब जीवाँ, और मँजा करियेँ । काँयसे अब हा लेकुरचा नया जन्म जांन्हा । हा हथनु जातूँ राला होता, फिर सिछा । हाँ तरहतूँ मौज सब करोँ लगले ॥

जैठा लेकुर ते वक्त खेतपे होता । लौटचीं घर आवतीं वक्त तांन्हा नाँच गाँनचा ऐरा मुन पडला । नौकरोँ-पे एक भनाँलाँ टरेकेँ तांन्हा पूछले जो काया है । तव ताने जवाप दिलले, तूजा नाहिन भैया एँकू गेळा है । और ताँचे बापनूँ तांन्हा नोनहा

भला लौटला देखूँचे खुशी भलो मनोले । तब तो हाँ सुनूँके तो गुस्सा जानह, और
घरूँ नहीं जाय चाहें । जब ताचा बाप निकरूँचे ताह्हा मनो लगला । लेकरने बोलले,
जब मी दादा तूँजी बरसोंती गोसल करले हैं । जब मीने तुमसे कही कोई नहीं
ठारली । जब तूने नान्हा बोकरा कबहुँ नहीं दिलस, तो चन-संग खुशी मनोते । जब
नाहिन लेकरतें तब ताँने तुमचा धन गँवारीमें खो दिलले जबसें मुरकूँके घरी आल्हे,
तुम सबला पुन्य आटूराले आहा । जब तो बापने ज्वाप दिलले हे बेठा, तूँ रात-दिन
माँभे जोरे आसे, तो धन माँभे-जोरे आहै, सो सब तूजा आहै । तूजा नाहिन भाज
मरू गेल्ला होता लोफिर जी उठला तबतो हिराजँ गेल्ला होता, तब मिळ्ळा होता ।
तैसे आ खुशी मनोआ और खुशी जान्हे ॥

[No. 83]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

MARATHI

KATIAL OR KATIĀ DIALECT

(DISTRICT NARSINGHPUR)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ek jhanī-chē don lēkurē hōtī Tīn-mī sē chhōtē lēkur-nē
One person of two sons were there Them-in-from the-younger son by
 ap'nē bāp-lā bōlē kē, 'jō gharī jō dhan āhē sō
his own father to was said that, 'what in the-house what wealth is that
 mījha hāsī sō mī nī dun dē 'Tāb bīp-nē tī-lē ap'nā
my share that me-to give' Then the-father-by then-to his-own
 dhan bātū dīlē Kachhu dīnō chē pīchhī nīhun lēkur ap'nā
wealth dividing was given A-few days-of after the younger son his-own
 dhan dāulat ghū-kē par-dēs-lā chālī gālā Tēchī gāvānī-
property having-taken foreign-country-to moved went There vulgar-
 chīl sē sār dhan bārbīd-karū dīlē Jab kōrā rahū
conduct-in all wealth having-squandered was-given When destitute to become
 gālā tō dēs-pē bhārī kal parlā Tāhī tō bhūkhō marō
went then the-country-in great famine fell. Then he of-hunger to-die
 laglī Tāhī tō kōī dēs-ād'mī-khī naukār lāgu-gālā Tā-lhā
began Then he uncertain country man-of a-servant to be-employed-went Him-to
 tī-nē sūgarīyī charō lā rīkhīlē Tāb tō sūgarīyō-chī khāv-chī jūthan-pēnū
him by some to-graze was-kept Then he some-of eating-of remains-with
 ap'nī pōtū bharō chāhīlē Kōī-ād'mī tā-lhā kachhu na dēt hōtā
his-own belly to-fill desired Anybody him-to anything not giving was
 Jab tō khabar-pai ālī tab bōlō laglī, 'ai mājhe Dāyyā, jab
When he senses-on came then to speak began, 'O my God, since
 mājhe bāp-khī kītē ād'mō lā pōtū-bhar khāv-lā milat hōtā,
my father-with how-many men-to belly full eat-to obtained was,
 aur bachu rahāt hōtā Aur māī bhūkhō martē āhē Ab māī
and saved remaining was And I of-hunger dying am Now I
 uth-kō bāp-chē jōrē jūtē auī ab bōl'hō, "dādā, mī-nē tūjē
having arisen father-of near go and now will-say, "father, me-by of-thee
 sāmī'nē Parmēśvar chā dōsh karlē hai Ab-bhī tūjē lēkur bōl'ō lākhtī
before God of am done is Now also thy son to-call worthy

nahĩ tālē, ap'nē nauk'rō ēk ghāĩ mā-nā sōĩ rākhũ ghēā''
not became, thy-own servants-among one like me-to also keeping take''
 Jab tō uthũ-kē thārā jālā, aur ap'nē bāp-ohē jōrē gēllā.
Then he having-arisen standing became, and his-own father-of near went.

Bāp-nē dūrē-nũ āvat dēkhũ-ghillē tã-chā-ūpar dayā kar'lē, aur
The father-by from-a-distance coming to-see-was-taken him-upon pity was-made, and
 tā-lhā dauraũ-kē galla-sē lagũā-ghullalē au chũmā ghillē Tab
him-to having-run the-neck-by it-was-embraced and kiss was-taken Then
 lēkur-nē bōl'lē, 'hē dādā, mī-nē tujē sāmhnē Par'mēsvar-chā
the-son-by it-was-said, 'O father, me-by of-thee before God of
 kasũ kar'lē haĩ, mī tujē lēkur kahā-lē lōg nahĩ rālē' Pai bāp-nē
offence done is, I thy son to-say fit not lived' But the-father-by
 ap'nē nauk'rō lā hukm dil'lē, 'nōñē-chē nōñē unhē
his-own servants-to order was-given, 'good-of good a-cloth
 ānh tā-lhā nōñhē pah'ran dēā, aur ēk jōri pan'nhē pāv-lā. Ohalā sab
bring him to good clothes give, and one pair shoes for-the-feet Come all
 jēvā aur mājā karyē Kāy-sē ab hā lēkur-chā nayā janm
let-us-eat and merriment make Because now this son-of new birth
 jālhā Hā hāthan nu jātũ rālā hōtā, phir millā Hā
has-become This hands-from going become was, again was-obtained This
 tarah-tũ mauj sab karō lag'lē
manner-in merriment all to-make began

Jēthā lēkur tē-vakt khēt-pē hōtā Laut'chĩ ghar āv'tĩ
The elder son at-that-time the-field-in was Returning to-home coming
 vakt tā-lhā nāch gān-ohā aur sun-parh'lā Nauk'īḍ-pē
at-the-time him-to dancing singing-of sound to-his-hearing-fell The-servants-from
 ēk jhanā-lā tarē-kē tā-lhā pūchh'lē, 'jō kāyā hai' Tab tã-nē jvāp
one person-to having-called him-to it-was-asked, 'this what is' Then him-by reply
 dil'lē, 'tūjā nāhin bhayā ēkũ gēllā hai, aur tã-chē bāp-nũ tā-lhā
was given, 'thy younger brother having-come gone is, and his father-by him to
 nōñhā bhalā laut'lā dēkhũ-chē khuśi bhalō manōlē' Tab tō hā sunũ-kē
good well returned having-seen happy good considered' Then he this having-heard
 tō gussā jānah, aur gharũ nahĩ jāy chāhē, Jab tā-chā bāp nik'rũ-chē
he angry became, and in-the-house not to-go wished Then his father coming-out
 tā-lhā manō lag'lā Lēkur-nē bōl'lē, 'jab mī, dādā, tũjī bar'sō-ti gōsul
him-to to-entreat began The-son-by it-was said, 'while I, father, thy for-years service
 kar'lē haĩ, jab mī-nē tum-sē kahī kōi nahĩ tār'lī, jab tū-nē nānhā bōk'rā
have-done, while me-by thy word ever not was transgressed, still thee-by small a-goat
 kab-hũ nahĩ dilas, tō chau-sang khuśi manōtē Jab
ever not was-given, so-that friends-with merry I-might-have-made When

nīhū lekur-tē tab tū-nō tum-chī dhan gāvāri-mē khō dil'le,
the-younger son then him-by your wealth vulgar-living-in is-squandered,
 jab-sē mur'kī-kō ghari ālhō tum sab-lā punya ātūrālē-āhā ' Jab-tō
as soon as having-returned to-home has-come by-you all-to a-feast given-is ' Then
 hīp-nō jvāp dil'le, 'hō bēṭā, tū rāt-dim mājhē-jōrē āsē, tō
the-father-by answer was given, 'O son, thou night-and-day of-me-near art, what
 dhan mājhē-jorē āhā sō sab tūjā āhā. Tūjā nāhū bhāū marū-gellā hōtā,
wealth of-me-near is that all thine is Thy younger brother dead-gone was,
 lō-phur jī nṭh'li, jab-tō hīrāñ gellī hōtā, tab millā hōtā Taisē ā
again alive arose, then lost gone was, then obtained was Therefore now
 khusī-manōī, aur khusī jānbē '
merriment-celebrate, and merry shall-make.'

BROKEN DIALECTS OF THE EAST.

In the eastern part of the Central Provinces Marāthi is surrounded by Chhattisgarhi and other dialects of Eastern Hindi in the north, and by Gondī and other aboriginal forms of speech in the south. There are no intermediary dialects connecting Marāthi with any of these dialects.

Farther to the east we find another Aryan language, Oriyā. A dialect of this language, Bhatrī, is spoken in the Bastar State, and forms a kind of connecting link between Oriyā and the language of the central portion of Bastar. This latter is known as Hal'bi, and is a curious mixture of Oriyā, Chhattisgarhi, and Marāthi. Some minor dialects in Raipur and Kanker, such as Bhunjā, Nāhārī, and Kamārī, have several points of analogy with Hal'bi, of which language the two former may be considered as sub-dialects. The revised figures for all these forms of speech are as follows —

Hal'bi	101,971
Bhunjā	2,000
Nāhārī	152
Kamārī	3,713
TOTAL	111,196

These dialects are the only one which can claim to be intermediary between Marāthi and Oriyā. The remarks which follow will, however, show that they are not organic links, but merely mechanical mixtures of all the Aryan languages which meet in the eastern part of the Central Provinces.

HAL'BI

The Halbas are one of the principal tribes of the Bastar and Kanker States. In Bastar they are chiefly found in the central part of the district, from the eastern frontier westwards. They are also found in the north-west, on the frontier towards Kanker, and farther into this latter State. Halbas have also settled in Bhandara, the eastern portion of Chanda, and Raipur.

Outside the Central Provinces Halbas were returned at the Census of 1891 from the Jeypore zamindari of Madras (1,887) and from Berar (3,841). In Madras they are classed as a sub-division of the Gōnds. In Berar they are weavers, and most of them are found in Ellichpur.

Hal'bi, the dialect of the Halbas, has only been returned for this Survey from the Central Provinces. A specimen has, however, been forwarded from Berar. It differs from the other Hal'bi specimens, and it will therefore be separately dealt with.

The number of speakers in the Central Provinces has been estimated for this Survey as follows —

Bastar	96,181
Kanker	5,000
Chanda	3,500
Bhandara	150
Raipur	110
TOTAL	104,971

Of the 96,181 speakers returned from Bastar 17,387 have been reported to speak Hal'bi. This dialect has, however, proved to be identical with Hal'bi. It is probably the dialect returned as Mehari in the 1891 Census Report. According to the same authority the Hal'bi of Bastar comprises several minor dialects, Adkuri, Bastari, Chandari, Grehukolo, Mehari, Murgini, Muria, and Sundi. No information is available with regard to these so-called dialects. Bastari simply means the language of Bastar, and of the 3,500 speakers of Hal'bi returned from Chumda 1,300 have been stated to speak Bastari and not Hal'bi. Mehari is the language of the low caste Mehars or Mahars. The Murias or Marias are mentioned by Colonel Glasford in his *Papers relating to the Dependency of Bastar Selections* from the Records of the Government of India, Foreign Department No. XXIX Calcutta, 1863, p. 37. They inhabit the more cultivated plains around Jagdalpur, in the heart of the Hal'bi district and live as cultivators. Most of them speak a Gōnd dialect. The Sundis are spirit-dealers. It may safely be assumed that none of the names mentioned above connotes any separate dialect.

The Hal'bas have hitherto been considered to be a sub-division of the Gōnds. The Superintendent of Census Operations in the Central Provinces states that the ethnographic information received about them is to the effect that the caste were originally house-servants of the Oriya Rajas. Their sections are partly totemistic, but include the names of two or three Oriya castes. The Hal'bas of Raipur are looked upon and consider themselves as of Gōnd descent. In Bhandara, on the other hand, they say that they have come from Warangal in Hyderabad and disclaim any connection with the Gōnds.

Linguistic evidence also points to the conclusion that the Hal'bas are an aboriginal tribe who have adopted Hinduism and an Aryan language.

Their dialect is a curious mixture of Oriyā, Chhattisgarhī, and Marāṭhī. In Bhandara it has been so much influenced by the current language of the district that it must now be classed as ordinary Marāṭhī and not as Hal'bi. No specimens have been received from Chanda and Raipur, and the remarks on Hal'bi grammar which follow are, therefore, based on the specimens forwarded from Bastar and Kanker.

Colonel C. L. R. Glasford, in his *Papers relating to the Dependency of Bastar*, quoted above, pp. 16 and f., describes it as follows —

'The first [i.e. Hal'bi] closely resembles the Chhattisgarhee dialect. There is a great admixture of Muratha in it, or rather, I should say, there are many Muratha affixes, and it often happens that a pure Hindostanee word is taken and a Muratha termination added, thus the Moorsas around the Jagdalpore say *ni dāl, nālī*, I did not see. Here we have the pronoun Muratha and the verb, a Hindostanee word, put in the past tense of the Muratha declension of verbs. In fact, the whole language in this part of the country is a horrid jargon of Muratha and Hindoo words, grammar and idioms all jumbled up into indescribable confusion. It is spoken by the Hultas and Moorsas, and may be said to be subdivided into the Purja or Fugara and Bhuttra dialects. It is spoken by all in Jagdalpore, from the Rajah to the lowest of his subjects.

A short vocabulary of Bhuttra or Purja has been printed in Appendix II, pp. 91 and ff., of the same publication. It has not, however, anything to do with Hal'bi.

Pronunciation.—The short *a* is probably often pronounced as an *o*, and *a* and *ō* are therefore sometimes interchangeable, thus, *ballō* and *bōllō*, he said, *ma-kē* and *mō-kē*, to me. Similarly *a* interchanges with *u*, thus, *ma* and *mu*, I, *baṭā* and *buṭa*, an ox. Compare also *bubā* and *bābā*, a father.

E is always marked as long. It is however probably short in words such as *ebē*, now, compare *abē* and *ibe*.

ai and *ē*, *au* and *ō*, respectively, are sometimes interchanged, thus, *maĩ* and *mē*, I, *gaĩlō* and *gēlō*, he went, *kaunē* and *kōnē*, somebody.

The *Anunāsika* is very faintly sounded, and its use is rather irregular. Thus we find *hūn* and *hun*, he, *jānē* and *jānē*, I know.

The palatals are pronounced as in Hindī, and not as in Marāṭhī, thus, *mō-chō*, my, *puhhlō*, he asked. *Ohh* seems, however, to be occasionally pronounced as *s*, for in the specimens received as illustrating the Marāṭhī dialect we find *chhām-nē*, in the presence of.

The cerebral *ḍ* between vowels has usually the Marāṭhī sound of *ḍ*, but is sometimes also pronounced *r* as in Chhattisgarhī, thus, *badē dukāl padḍī*, a great famine arose, *lapṛā*, cloth. The pronunciation as *r* seems to be more used in the so-called Mahārī than in Halbī proper.

The cerebral *n* has become dental as in the Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces and in Chhattisgarhī, thus, *kōnē*, somebody.

The cerebral *l* sometimes becomes *r*, thus, *parā*, run, *bērā*, at the time, *pōrā*, the *Pōlā* festival. It is impossible to decide whether this pronunciation is due to the influence of Hindī or to that of the Marāṭhī of the Central Provinces. Compare Hindī *bēr*, Marāṭhī *yēr*, time, Hindī *parānā*, Marāṭhī *pat-nē*, to run. In most cases, however, a dental *l* corresponds to Marāṭhī *l*, thus *mlētē*, it will be got; *dukāl*, famine.

Halbī uses *b* like Hindī, Oriyā, etc., where Marāṭhī has *v*, thus, *bēr*, Marāṭhī *vēr* or *yēr*, time, *bīs*, Marāṭhī *vīs* or *īs*, twenty.

The cerebral *śh* is pronounced as *lh*, thus *manulh*, a man.

Initial *h* has a rather faint sound. Compare *hūt* and *hūt*, a camel, *ham* and *am*, we, *un* and *hun*, he.

Note *pēj-pānē* instead of *mēj-mānē*, feast.

On the whole it will be seen that the pronunciation has more in common with Chhattisgarhī than with Marāṭhī.

Nouns.—*Bitā*, a person, is sometimes used as a kind of definite article. Thus, *bāp bitā*, the father, *bētā-bitā-kē*, to the son.

Gender.—There are only two genders, the masculine and the feminine, the former also corresponding to the neuter gender of Marāṭhī, thus, *lēkā*, a child, a son.

Number.—The plural is formed as in Chhattisgarhī by adding *man*, thus, *bābā-man*, fathers. Often, however, no sign of the plural is added, or plurality is indicated by adding some word meaning 'many,' 'all,' etc. Thus, *hun* and *hun-man*, they, *naukar sabō-kē*, to the servants, *khubē ghōḍā*, horses, *jugē ghōḍā*, horses.

Case.—There is no oblique form, case suffixes being added immediately to the base, as is also the case in Chhattisgarhī and Oriyā. In one instance we find an oblique plural formed by adding *in*, thus, *bhutiyā-in-chō*, of the servants. Compare Chhattisgarhī *an*.

The usual case suffixes are as follows —

Dat	<i>kē</i>
Abl.	<i>lē</i> , <i>lagē-lē</i>
Gen	<i>chō</i> , <i>kē</i>
Loc	<i>mē</i> , <i>nē</i> .

Of these only the genitive suffix *chō* agrees with Marāthi *tsā, chī, chē*. The dative suffix *lē* corresponds to Chhattisgarhi *lā*, compare Mālvi and Bihārī *kē*. The ablative suffix *lē* and the genitive suffix *kē* correspond to Chhattisgarhi *le* and *ke* respectively, while the locative suffix *mē* must be compared with Chhattisgarhi *mā*, Avadhī and Bihārī *mē*.

There is no proper instrumental. Thus, 'with ropes' is translated *dōrī-sangē*, 'with a stick' is *bat'gī-mē*. In Kanker we occasionally find a suffix *nē* denoting the agent. It is added to the subject of intransitive as well as of transitive verbs, and it is clearly only an unorganic loan from Marāthi or Hindi. Thus, *musā-nē nariālō sun'lō*, the mouse heard the cry, *bāgh-nē phāndō-sē nik'lan 1ah'lō*, the tiger was getting out of the net.

Instead of the dative suffix *lē* the Kanker specimens sometimes use *kō*, thus, *bāp-kē*, to the father, *bāgh kō*, to the tiger. Final *ē* and *ō* are also often interchanged, compare ablative, genitive, and verbs, below.

In the ablative the Kanker specimens use the suffixes *lē*, *lō*, and *sē*. Thus, *bahin-lē*, from a sister, *phāndō-sē*, from the net. *Lō* occurs in *sab-lō uttam*, best, and is, perhaps, no real ablative suffix but the Marāthi suffix *lā* in *tyāt-lā*, from among them, etc. Compare, however, the *l* suffix of the ablative in Gōndī and *lul*, from, in Katiyāī.

The genitive suffix *chō* does not change for gender and number, thus, *Bhag'vān chō hukum*, God's command, *tu-chō nāv*, thy name, *un-chō bahin*, his sister, *mō-chō bāp-chō khubē bhuti-biti-man-kē*, to many servants of my father's. Occasionally we find *chē* instead of *chō*, thus, *bāp chē purē*, before the father.

The suffix *kē* occurs in instances such as *ghōdā-kē pāt-nē*, on the back of the horse, *nāch-kē gajar*, the sound of dancing. In Kanker we also find *kā*, thus, *āp'lō yē-chē dāyā-kā bat'lā*, a reward for this your compassion. Here *āp'lō* corresponds to Marāthi *āp'lā*, *yē* is Chhattisgarhi, and the suffix *chē* Marāthi, while *dāyā-kā* is high Hindi. Even Rājāsēkhara, who knew all the Bhāshās, could hardly have succeeded better in mixing various dialects together.

Sometimes also the governed noun is simply put before the governed one, both forming a kind of compound, thus, *mō-chō bāp ghar-mē*, in my father's house.

The locative suffix *nē* is perhaps related to Telugu *na*, Gōndī *nē*. Thus, *pāt-nē*, on the back, *huni nānī kuriyā-nē*, in that small house.

Adjectives do not change for gender and number, thus, *badē*, or *badlō*, *bēfā*, the elder son, *tu-chō sēvā*, thy service, *āp'lō dhan*, your property.

Numerals.—The numerals will be found in the list of words. They are almost the same as in Chhattisgarhi. *Gōlōk*, one, is also used in Bhatrī. *Du*, two, corresponds to Bhatrī and Oriyā *du*. In Kanker we find the Chhattisgarhi form *dō*. *Ohhah*, six, *das*, ten, *bis*, twenty, *pachās*, fifty, *sau*, hundred, are pure Chhattisgarhi and have nothing to do with Marāthi. Note also the addition of *than* in *du than bētā*, two sons, compare Chhattisgarhi *dū-than*, exactly two.

Pronouns.—The following are the personal pronouns —

<i>mu</i> , <i>muī</i> , <i>ma</i> , <i>maī</i> , <i>mē</i> , I	<i>tu</i> , <i>tuī</i> , <i>tū</i> , thou.
<i>mō-kē</i> , <i>ma-kē</i> , to me	<i>tu-kē</i> , to thee.
<i>mō-chō</i> , <i>mā-chō</i> , my	<i>tu-chō</i> , <i>tōr</i> , thy
(<i>h</i>) <i>amī</i> , <i>ham-man</i> , we	<i>tum(ē)</i> , you
(<i>h</i>) <i>am-chō</i> , (<i>h</i>) <i>amar</i> , our	<i>tum-chō</i> , <i>tamar</i> , your

The final *i* in *hamī*, *tumī*, is an emphatic particle. It also occurs in the pronoun *hun* or *hun-i*, that, he. *Hun* is also written *un* and is regularly inflected, thus, *hun-chō*, his, *hun-man*, they.

Other pronouns are *tō*, oblique *tū*, that, *yī*, this, *jē*, *jō*, and *jaun*, who, *kōn*, genitive *kā-chō*, who? *lāy*, what?

Verbs—There is only one conjugation, and only the active construction is used. The subject is occasionally put in the agent in the specimens forwarded from Kankei. See Case, above.

Verbs do not change for gender. There is a great variety of forms used without any distinction. Thus, 'he was' is *īalā*, *ralē*, *ralī*, and *ralō*, 'he had compassion' is translated *dayā kar^olē* and *dayā kar^olō*.

A particle *nā* is often added, thus, *tu-chō nāv kāy āyē-nā*, what is your name? *jāō-nā*, go, *mun hind^olē-nā*, I have walked, *jāō-nā*, let us go, *mā^oēndē-nā*, I will strike.

There is a marked tendency to use periphrastic tenses. Thus, the present tense is formed by adding the verb substantive, see below.

The usual present tense of the verb substantive is inflected as follows—

Singular—1 *āsē*

2 *āsīs*

3 *āsē*

Plural—1 *āsū*

2 *āsūs*

3 *āsāt*

Other forms are *āyē* and *hāy*, I am, *āyē* and *āy*, he is.

The present tense will be seen to be more closely related to the usual forms in Marāthī than to those used in Chhattisgarhī. The corresponding past tense is formed from the same base as in Chhattisgarhī by adding the *l*-suffix of Marāthī and Orīvā. The terminations of the various persons seem to be borrowed from all these languages. Thus—

Singular—1 *īalē* and *ralī*

2 *īalā*, *īalē*, *īalī*

3 *īalō*, *īalē*, *īalī*, and *īalā*

Plural—1 *īalē*, *īalā*, and *īalō*

2 *īalās*, and *īalē*

3 *īalē*, *īalā*, *īalī*, and *īalō*.

The number of various forms is very great. It is not, however, possible to find any difference in the use of the forms given under each person.

The present tense of finite verbs is formed by adding the verb substantive to the base, or to some participial form, thus, *mun piyē^o-sē*, I drink, *tun mā^oīsīs*, thou striketh, *amī mā^oīsē*, we strike, *hamī jā^oīsē*, we go, *hun-man bōl^osat*, they say.

The past tense has the same bewildering maze of various forms as in the case of the verb substantive. Thus, *mun mā^olē*, *mār^olē*, and *mā^olā*, I struck, *mun fā^olō*, I transgressed, *mun gēlō*, and *gēlā*, I went, *mun hōlē*, I became, *tun gēlā*, and *gēlīs*, thou wentest, *tun mār^olī(s)*, thou struckest, *hun mā^olō*, *mār^olā*, and *mār^olō*, he struck; *lōhū hōlē sē*, blood had become (attached), *hamī mā^olū*, we struck, *tunī dekh^olās*, you saw, etc.

Another past tense is formed by adding a *b*, and not an *l*-suffix. Thus, *maĩ kar^bbē-sē*, I have done, *mō kē mār^bbū-āsat*, they struck me, I am struck. Compare the remarks under the head of participles below.

Solitary forms are *balē*, he said, *īahē*, they were, *bāchē*, it is left, *chhōdēn-thātī*, he released, *diyō*, he gave.

The characteristic sign of the future is *dē*, or, occasionally, *tē*, compare the present participle. Thus, *maĩ māⁿēn-dē*, I shall strike, *bōlan-dē*, I will say, *hun dē-dē*, he will give, *ham mārūn dē*, we will strike, *hun man mārēn-dē*, or *māi dē*, they will strike, *milē-tē*, it will be got. *Sē* is sometimes used instead of *dē*. Thus, *maĩ kar^ũ sē*, I will do, *tun diyā sē*, or *dē-sē*, thou wilt give, *tum mārā sē*, you will strike. In *ham mār^ovā*, we will strike, *pu^hhūvā*, we will ask, the *v* perhaps corresponds to the *b*-suffix in Bihārī. *Dihō*, I shall give, on the other hand, is Ohhattisgarhī.

The imperative is usually formed without any suffix, thus, *bas*, sit, *jā*, go. An honorific imperative is sometimes formed by adding *ās*, thus, *diyās* and *dēs*, give, *ānās*, bring, *māi ās*, strike. In the second person plural we sometimes find the Marāṭhī form in *ā*, and sometimes the Chhattisgarhī form in *ō*, thus, *īākhā*, keep, *dēkhō*, see. Forms such as *khēlū*, let us play, *hōlū*, let us be, occur in Mahī.

Participles—The present participle is sometimes formed as in Ohhattisgarhī and sometimes as in Oriyā. Thus, *karat*, doing, *jūtē*, going, *far^ttē*, transgressing, *sōu (ralē)*, sleeping (he was). Other forms are *karandē*, doing, *mār-dē*, striking, and probably also *māi ē* in *māi ēsē*, (I) strike, *nīkalan (rahalō)*, (he was) getting out. The past participle sometimes agrees with Marāṭhī and sometimes with Chhattisgarhī, thus, *gēlō*, gone, *padē*, fallen, *bhukē*, hungry, *marā*, dead, *bachā*, left. The form *mar^bbō*, dead, corresponds to the past tense formed with a *b*-suffix. It is perhaps originally a future participle.

The conjunctive participle is commonly formed as in Marāṭhī, thus, *bātun*, having divided. *īhānī* and *bhātī* are often added, thus, *banāun-bhātī*, having made, *jāun-thānī*, having gone. Such forms are, however, by no means the only ones, and we often also find conjunctive participles ending in *ā*, *ā-sin*, *lē*, and *ī*, thus, *bāṭā dīlō*, having-divided gave, he divided and gave, *dēyā-sin*, having given, *jāy-kē*, having gone, *manī*, having said, therefore. In *bhul-kun*, having been lost, the suffix *kun* must be compared with Gōndī *kun*.

Verbal noun—The usual form ends in *tō*, genitive *tōr*, thus, *khātō*, to eat, *ētō bahkat*, at the time of coming, *bāj^ttōi gajai*, the sound of music. Several other forms are also used, thus, *mārⁿnā*, to strike, *pu^hhūk*, to ask, *jāūk*, to go, *charāū-kē* and *charāub*, in order to tend, *nikal*, to get out, *mār^lē-sē*, from (my) killing, *mārē-bar tanyāi*, ready to kill, *dēkh-kē*, in order to see, etc.

Causals are formed as in Chhattisgarhī and Oriyā by adding *ā*, thus, *charāū-kē*, in order to tend.

The preceding remarks will have shown that Hal'bi is a mixed dialect. It is by no means a uniform language, but a mechanical mixture of at least three different forms of speech. Through Bhatī, it gradually merges into Oriyā. It agrees with Ohhattisgarhī in its phonetical system, in the principle of declension, in its numerals, and to a great extent also in pronouns and in vocabulary. It cannot, however, be classed as a dialect of Chhattisgarhī, chiefly because it uses an *l*-suffix in order to form its past tense, just as is the case with Marāṭhī and Oriyā. With Marāṭhī it shares the *ch*-suffix of the genitive,

the present tense of the verb substantive, the conjunctive participle, and irregular verbal forms such as *gēlō*, went

The language of the Halbas is a borrowed form of speech, and there can be little doubt that they have originally spoken some Dravidian dialect. The Halbas of Bhandara now speak Marāthī, and in order to avoid splitting Hal'bī up and dealing with it in more than one place, it has been found convenient to subordinate it under Marāthī, though it cannot be considered as a true Marāthī dialect. With regard to the dialect of the Halbas of Beraī, see below pp. 366 and ff.

Of the three specimens which follow the two first have been forwarded from Bastar, and the third one from Kanker. A List of Standard Words and Phrases will be found below on pp. 395 and ff.

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HALABI

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN I

कोनी आदमीचो दुड्ड-ठन वेठा रला । हुनी भीतरचो नानी वेठा वाप-की वोललो, ए वावा, धन माल भीतरले जे मोचो वाटा आय मोकी दीआ । तेवे हुनकी आपनचो धनकी वाटुन दीलो । खूवे दिन नी होउन रली नानी वेठा सवकी गोठकी धाने वनाउन-भाती खूवे धूर जाते गेलो और हुता फटकारी-बुदमें दिन सारते आपलो धन गँवाउन दीलो । जेवे हुन सव धनकी सारली तेवे हुन राजमें वडे दुकाल पडली । तेवे हुन गरीब होउन गेलो । अरू हुताले हुन राजचो कोनी एक मनुख घरे घेवुन रलो । हुन बीता हुनकी वेडामे वराहा चरातो-काजे पठालो । और हुन हुनी चाराके जेके वराहा खाते रला आपलो पेट भरतो-काजे मन करलो । और कोनी हुनकी कार्ड नी देते रला । तेवे हुनकी चेत चंगली तेवे हुन वोललो की मोचो वापचो खूवे भुती-वीतीमनकी पेज भात खातो धानले वाचते रली एवे मैं भुखे मरेंसे । एवे मैं उठुन मोचो वाप घरे जाएंदे, और हुनकी वलेन्दे के, वूवा, भगवानचो हुकुम नी मानले और वापचो पुरे पाप करले । फेर तुमचो वेठा वलतोर डउलचो नी होले । मोकी जसन तुमचो भुती-वीतीमन आसत हुसने राखा । तेवे हुन उठुन-भाती आपलो वाप-लगे गेलो । हुनचो वाप दूरले देखुन माया करलो और पराउन-भाती टोडराके धरुन चुमलो । वेठा हुनकी वललो की, ए वूवा, मैं भगवानचो हुकुम नी मानले और तुमचो पुरे पाप करले । तुमचो वेठा वलतोर लायेक नी होले । तेवे वाप आपलो नवकारके वललो, सवले नगत कपड़ा हिटाउन-भाती हुनकी पिंधाहा और हुनचो हाथे मुन्दी अरू पाएमें पन्हई पिंधाहा । हम-मन खाउन हरीख करते रला । तेवे मोचो वेठा मरुन रलो जीवलो भुलकुन रलो फेर मिलली । तेवे हरीख हीते रला ॥

हुनचो वडे वेठा वेडामें रलो । और हुन जेवे एतो-बेरा घर-लगे अमरलो, तेवे वाजतोर और नाँचतोर गजर सुनलो । और हुन आपनचो कवाडीमनले गोठक-की वलाउन-भाती पुकलो, ए काय आए । हुन हुनकी वललो, तुमचो भाई

झुला और तुमचो वाप नगत पेजपानी वनालो, कारन कि वेठा-वीताके नीको र पावलो। तैवे हुनके रीस लागली और घर-भीतर जातो-काजे मन नी करलो। हुनचो-काजे हुनचो वाप वाहिर निकरुन मनालो। हुन वापके वललो, दखा, मैं खुवे दिनले तुमके सेवा करेसे, और तुमचो हुकुमके नी टारते रले। अरु तुमी मोके केवे एक मेंढा वले नी दीलास, की मोची मीत सगे हरीख करते। और तुमचो ए वेठा जे किसवीन संग तुमचो धन उडाउन दीलो, हुन जसन झुलो, तसन आपन नंगत खाउक दिलो। वाप हुनके वललो, ए वेठा, तुय मोची सगे आसीस कि जे मोचो धनभाल आसे हुन तुचो आय। और एमेतो हरीख होतोर आनन्द कर-तोर तुके उचित रली। कारन कि तुचो भाई मरुन रलो फेर जीउन झुलो हाजुन जाउन रलो फेर मिललो ॥

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SPECIMEN I

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kom d-mi cho du than beṭi rali Hum-bhutar-cho nāni bēṭā
Certain one-of the son were Them-in-fious the-younger son
 Lān so lān, 'o bān. dān-mil-bhutar-le jo m-cho bātī āy mō-kō
father to son, 'O father wealth property-in-from which my share is me-to
 dān. Tān hun ke apān cho dhan-ke bīṭm dilō Khubō
he, 'asset to-gate' Then then to himself-of wealth having decided he-gate Many
 dān moun rali nāni beṭi sab-kō gōṭki-thānō bānūn-
days not having been were the-younger son all one-in-place collected-
 bān khubō dhan gito g'lo, aur hutī phap'k'iri-bud-mō dān sārto
having very far going went, and there riotous conduct-in days passing
 ap' dān gānūn dilō Jēbe hun sab dhan-ke sārto, tēbō
have wealth having wasted he-gate When he all wealth to spent, then
 hun rajm' bān dūl pālā fēbō hun garib hōun gēlō
that country is great famine fell. Then he poor having-become went.
 Aur hut-le hun rajcho kom ek manukh gharō thēbun
And there that country of certain one man in-house having-placed-himself
 rālo Hun hutī hun ke bān-mo bārīhī charīto-kijō paṭhālō Aur hun
(he) lived That can him to field in some feeding-for sent And he
 huni chari-ke jo-ke bārīhī khito rali āp'lō peṭ bhar'tō-kājō
there very husks which the-some eating were his own belly filling-for
 man karlo Aur kom hun-ke kī nī dētē rali Tēbō hun-ke
and he made And anyone him-to anything not giving was Then him-to
 chā. chā, hī, tēbō hun bol'lō kē, 'mō-cho bāp-cho khubō bhutī-
consciousness came, then he said that, 'my father-of many hired-
 bātī man-ke peṭ blāt khātō thān-le bīch'tō rali, ōbō māī
servants-to rice eater cooled-rice eating than exceeding was, now I
 bhul ho mar'-. Lbō māī uthun mō-cho bāp-gharō jācndō;
hungry dying am Now I having-risen my father-to-house will go;
 aur hun ke balende ke, "bābī, Bhag'vīn-cho hukum nī mān'lē,
and him-to will-say that, "father, God-of order not (I-)obeyed,
 aur bāp-cho purō pāp karlō Pher tum-cho bēṭā bāṭtōr dāul-
and father-of before am (I-)made Again your son to be-called-of wealthy-

chō nī hōlē Mō-kō jasan tum-chō bhuti-biti-man āsat hus'nō rākhā " "
of not became Me-to as your hired-servants are so please-to keep "
 Tēbē hun uthun-bhāti āp'lō bāp-lagō gēlō Hun-chō bāp dū-lē
Then he arisen having his-own father near went His father a-distance-from
 dakhun māyā kar'lō, aur parāun-bhāti tōd'rā-kē dhaun
having-seen compassion made, and un-having neck-to having-seized
 ohum'lō Bētā hun-kē bal'lō kē, 'ō bubā, māī Bhag'vān-chō
he-kissed The-son him-to said that, 'O father, I God-of
 hukum nī mān'lē au tum-ohō purē pāp kar'lō, tum-chō bētā bal'tōi
order not obeyed and your before sin I-made, thy son to-be called-of
 lāvēk nī hōlē ' Tēbē bāp āp'lō nav'kar-kē bal'lō, 'sab-lē
worthy not (I-) became' Then the-father his-own servants-to said, 'all from
 nangat kap'rā lutāun bhāti hun-kē pindhāhā, aur hun-chō hāthō
good cloth brought-forth having him-to put-on, and his on hand
 mundi, arū pāē mē panhai pindhāhā. Ham-man khāun harikh
a-ring, and feet on shoes put-on We having eaten merriment
 kartē rālā Tēbē mō-chō bētā maun rālō, jīv'lō, bhul-kun rālō, phēi
making are Then my son having-died was, is-alive, being lost was, again
 mil'lō ' Tēbē harikh hōtō rālā
was found' Then merriment being they-were.

Hun-chō badē bētā bēdā-mē rālō Au hun jēbō ōtō-bērā ghar-
His elder son field-in was And he when coming-while house-
 lagē amar'lō, tēbē bāj'tōr au nāch'tōi gajar sun'lō Au hun
near came, then music-of and dancing-of sound he-heard And he
 āpan-chō kabādī-man-lē gōtak-kē balāun-bhāti puchh'lō, 'ō kāy āē?
himself-of servants-from one-to called-having asked, 'this what is?'
 Hun hun-kē bal'lō, 'tum-chō bhāi ilā, aur tum-chō bāp nangat
He him-to said, 'thy brother is-come, and thy father good
 pēj'pānī banālō Kāian ki, bētā-bitā-kē nīkō nīkō pāv'lō
feast has-prepared Because that, son-person safe sound he-found'
 Tēbē hun-kē rīs lāg'li, aur ghar-bhitar jātō-kājē man nī kar'lō Hun-chō-kājē
Then him-to anger came, and house-into going-for mind not he-made Therefore
 hun-chō bāp bāhur mīk'run manālō Hun bāp-kē bal'lō, 'dakhā, māī khubē
his father out having-come entreated He father-to said, 'see, I many
 dīn-lē tum-kē sēvā karē-sē, aur tum-ohō hukum-kē nī tāt'tē
days-from thee-to service doing-am; and your order-to not transgressing
 rālē Arū tumī mō-kē kēbē ēk mēp'dhā balē nī dilās, ki mō-chō mit-sangē
was And you me-to ever one kid even not gave, so-that my friends-with
 harikh kartē. Au tum-chō ē bētā jē kis'bin-sang tum-ohō dhan
merry (I-)might-have-made And your this son who harlots-with your wealth

wān dilo, hū jām dō tām āpān nangat khuk
 having squandered gone, he as soon-as came so soon your-Honour good feast
 di'ō' Bap hū-ko bā'lo, 'e bā'ī, tū mō-cho sango asīs, kī jō
 goe' P'rofiter hū to said, 'O son, thou me-of-wealth art, that which
 mō-cho dham-mil is hū tu cho is Aur emto bā'ikh hōtor anand
 of property is that there is And this time merry becoming-of joy
 bā'itō' tū'e uēh' rāh Kām kī, tu cho bhāi marun rālō,
 coming of there to proper was Because that, thy brother having died was,
 pher jūn rā, hūjū jūn rālō, pher mil'lo'
 and there came, having been lost having gone was, again is found'

[No. 85]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI

(BASTAR STATE.)

SPECIMEN II.

STATEMENT OF AN ACCUSED PERSON

सवाल—तुमचो गाँवमें कोसम मुरिया नामचो कोनी मनुख रलो ।

जबाब—रलो ।

सवाल—हुन जिवत आसे कि मरलो से ।

जबाब—नी आय, मरलो ।

सवाल—कसन मरलो ।

जबाब—आम्ही मारुन दीलू ।

सवाल—तुम्ही एक ही भन मारलास कि और काचो संगे ।

जबाब—एक ही भन नाई दुई भाई मारलू ।

सवाल—काय वितीमें मारलास ।

जबाब—बडगी ।

सवाल—काय बडगीमें मारलास ।

जबाब—हुनी बास बडगीमें ।

सवाल—तुई कोन बडगीमें मारलीस ।

जबाब—हुनी लाम बडगीमें ।

सवाल—भीमा कोन बडगीमें मारलो ।

जबाब—हुनी गोटकी बडगीमें मारलो ।

सवाल—नानी बडगी काचो आय ।

जबाब—हामचो भाई घरे रली ।

सवाल—मारतो ठाने तुम्ही नेउ रलास ।

जबाब—नाही ।

सवाल—तुम्ही काय काजे कोसमके मारलास ।

जबाब—आपलो बेटीचो खर्चा काजे ।

सवाल—खर्चाचो गोट कसन कसन आय ।

जबाब—उनचो घरे मै घर-जवई रले । कोसम वललो हामके खर्चा कीवे

दियासे भाचा । मैं वलले देउन्दे जानु मामा । केवे देसे उन्ह बोललो । मैं वलले तुचो घरे आसे जानु मामा । एसु कहाँ-येले-वले देउन्दे । मामा वललो केवे दियासे । असन वलुन परकनाये (जल्दी) उठुन मोकी खुदलो । अरू तुके मरतले मारेन्दे-ना माये-लोटिया असन वललो ।

सवाल—असन तुमचो गोठ-वात होतो वेरा भीमा रलो ।

जवाब—हुदलो दाये नी रलो ।

सवाल—भीमा हुता केवे डलो ।

जवाब—हामी गेलू हामचो भाई घरे । भाईचो घर नदी पैले आसे । जाँव भाई हामके काय काजे जरालो से खुंदलो से पुछूक जाँवो असन मैं वलले । मरतले मारेंदे वलुन वलते रहो हामी देउन्दे देउन्दे वलसे ।

सवाल—दुनो भन जाउन-भाती कोसमचो घरे काय काय करलास ।

जवाब—आगे मालगुजार घरे गेलू । हामचो भाई मालगुजारके वललो जाँव-ना पुछूवाँ हामचो भाईके काय काजे जरालोसे । मालगुजार वललो, तुम्ही जाहा हुताय हुनके हुता आना । इता पुछूवाँ । हाम्ही कोसम-ठाने गेलू । मैं वलले, जाँव, मामा मालगुजार घरे हुता मोचो भाई डलो से । हुन भीतर-ले निकरलो अरू वललो, आज तुके मरतले मारेन्दे ॥

[No 85]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP

HALABĪ

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Savāl — Tum-ohō gāv-mē Kōsam Muriyā nām-ohō kōnī manukh rālō ?
Question — Your village-in Kōsam Muriyā name-of certain man was ?

Jabāb — Rālō

Answer — Was

Savāl — Hun jivat āsē ki mar'lō sē ?
Question — He alive is or dead is ?

Jabāb — Nī āy, mar'lō

Answer — Not is, dead

Savāl — Kasan mar'lō ?
Question — How he-died ?

Jabāb — Āmhi mārūn dīlū

Answer — We having-killed gave

Savāl — Tumhī ēk-hī jhan mār'lās ki au kā-chō-sangē ?
Question — You one-only man killed or other anybody-of-with ?

Jabāb — Ēk hī jhan nāī, dūī bhāī mār'lū

Answer — One only man not, two brothers we-killed (him)

Savāl — Kāy bitī-mē mār'lās ?
Question — What thing-with you-killed ?

Jabāb — Bad'gī

Answer — A-stick

Savāl — Kāy bad'gī-mē mār'lās ?
Question — What stick-with you-killed ?

Jabāb — Hunī bās bad'gī-mē

Answer — This bamboo stick-with

Savāl — Tuī kōn bad'gī-mē mār'līs ?
Question — Thou what stick-with didst-strike ?

Jabāb — Hunī lām bad'gī-mē

Answer — This long stick-with

Savāl — Bhīmā kōn bad'gī-mē mār'lō ?
Question — Bhīmā what stick-with did-strike ?

Jabāb — Hunī gōt'ki bad'gī-mē mār'lō

Answer — This particular stick-with he-struck

Savāl — Nāni` bad'gi kâ-chō āy ?

Question — *The-small stick whose is ?*

Jabāb — Hām-chō bhāi-gharō rali

Answer — *Our in-brother-house was*

Savāl — Mār'tō-ṭhānō tumhī nēu rālās ?

Question — *At-the-killing-spot you carrying were ?*

Jabāb — Nāhī

Answer — *No*

Savāl — Tumhī kây-kājē Kōsam-kō mār'lās ?

Question — *You what-for Kōsam-to did-kill ?*

Jabāb — Āp'lō bēti-chō kharchā-kājē

Answer — *His-own daughter-of expense-for*

Savāl — Kharchā-chō gōt kasan kasan āy ?

Question — *The-expense-of story how how is ?*

Jabāb — Un-chō gharō mañ ghar-javni rālē Kōsam bal'lō,

Answer — *Ham of in-the-house I house-son-in-law was Kōsam said,*

'hām-kō kharchā kēbō diyāsē, bhāochā ?' Mañ bal'lē, 'dēundē,

'us-to expenses when will-you-give, nephew ?' I said, 'I-will-give,

jānu māmā' 'Kēbē dēsē ?' unh bōl'lō. Mañ bal'lē, 'tu-chō gharō

you-know uncle' 'When will-you-give ?' he said I said, 'thy in-house

āsē, jānu māmā, c̄su kahñ-yālē-balō dēundē' Māmā

I-am, you-know uncle, this-year from-some-source-or-other I-will-give' The-uncle

bal'lō, 'kēbō diyāsē ?' asan balun parak'nāyē (jaldi) uthun mō-kē

said, 'when will-you-give ?' so having-said at once (at-once) having-risen me-to

khund'lō, arū, 'tu-kō marat-lē mārēndē-nā, māyē-lōṭiyā,' asan bal'lō

he-kicked, and, 'thee death-to I will beat, mother-plunderer,' thus said.

Savāl — Asan tum-chō gōṭ-bāt hōtō-bērā Bhīmā

Question — *In this way your talk was-going-on-while Bhīmā*

ralō ?

was (present) ?

Jabāb — Hud'lō dāyō nī ralō

Answer — *At-that-time not (he)-was*

Savāl — Bhīmā hutā kēbō ilō ?

Question — *Bhīmā there when came ?*

Jabāb — Hāmi gēlū hām chō bhāi-gharē Bhāi chō ghar nadi

Answer — *We went our to-brother-house Brother-of house river*

pālō āsē 'Jāñ bhāi, hām kē kây-kājē jarālō-sē khund'lō-sē, puohhūk

beyond is 'Let-us-go brother, us-to what-for has-burnt has-kicked, to-ask

jāñvō,' asan mañ bal'lē. "Marat-lē mārēndē," balun bal'tē rahō

we-will-go,' so I said. "Death-to I-will-beat," having-said saying he-was.

Hāmi, "dēundē dēundē," bal'sē'

We, "will-give will-give," said'

Savāl — Dunō jhan jāun-bhātī . Kōsam-chō gharē kāy-kāy
 Question — Both people having-gone Kōsam-of in-house what-what
 kar'lās ?
 you-did ?

Jabāb — Āgē māl'gujār gharē gēlū Hām-chō bhāi
 Answer — First the-malguzar-(of) to-house (we)-went Our brother
 māl'gujār-kē bal'lō, 'jāv-nā, puchhūvā, hām-chō bhāi-kē kāy-kājē
 the-malguzar-to said, 'let-us-go, we-will-ask, our brother-to what-for
 jarālō-sē ?' Māl'gujār bal'lō, 'tumbhī jāhā hutāy hun-kē hutā ānā
 did-he-burn ?' The-malguzar said, 'you go there him-to here you-bring
 Itā puchhūvā ' Hāmhi Kōsam-thūnē gēlū Mañ bal'lē, 'jāv, māmā,
 Here we-will-ask ' We Kōsam-near went I said, 'let-us-go, uncle,
 māl'gujār gharē hutā mō-chō bhāi ilō-sē ' Hun bhitar-lē
 the-malguzar-of in-house there my brother come-is ' He inside-from
 nikar'lō arū bal'lō, 'āj tu-kē marat-lē mārēndē '
 came-out and said, 'to-day thee-to death-to I-will-beat '

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

Question — Did a man called Kōsam Muriyā live in your village ?

Answer — Yes

Question — Is he alive or is he dead ?

Answer — He is no more, he is dead

Question — How did he die ?

Answer — We have killed him

Question — Did you kill him alone or together with somebody ?

Answer — I did not do it alone, but together with my brother.

Question — What did you kill him with ?

Answer — A stick

Question — What stick did you kill him with ?

Answer — With that bamboo stick

Question — With which stick didst thou strike ?

Answer — With that long stick

Question — And which stick did Bhimā use ?

Answer — This one

Question — To whom does the small stick belong ?

Answer — It was in my brother's house

Question — Were you carrying it to the spot where you killed him ?

Answer — No

Question — Why did you kill Kōsam ?

Answer — On account of the expenses for his daughter

Question — How is the story of these expenses ?

Answer — I lived as his son-in-law in his house Kōsam said, 'nephew, when will you pay the price of your wife ?' I said that I was going to do so, and he again asked when I said, 'Uncle, I live in your house, you know, and this year I will pay in some way or other' The uncle said, 'when will you pay ?' and suddenly he rose and kicked me and said, 'I will kill you, you rogue'

Question — Was Bhīmā present during this your altercation ?

Answer — He was not, at that time.

Question — When did Bhīmā come there ?

Answer — I went to my brother's house, which is beyond the river, and said, 'well, brother, let us go and ask why he has vexed me and kicked me' He said that he would beat me to death, and I said that I would pay.'

Question — What did you two do after having gone to Kōsam's house ?

Answer — First we went to the Mālguzār's house, and my brother said to him, 'let us go and ask him why he has vexed my brother' The Mālguzār said, 'go you and bring him here, and we will ask him here' Then we went to Kōsam's house, and I said, 'come, uncle, let us go to the Mālguzār's house My brother is there' He then came out and said that he would kill me.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HAL-BĪ

(KANKEB)

SPECIMEN III.

एक-दुन बाघ कोनी वनमें पड़े सोउ रली । एक-दम खुबभन मुसा हुनके पास अपलो विलले निकरलो । हुनके आरोसे बाघ उठलो आउर हुनके डावला एक-दुन मुसा-पर एक-दम पडला । रीसमें ड्रलो । बाघने हुन मुसाको मारे-वर तैयार हो रहिलो । मुसा अर्जी करलो । तुमचो आपन-वाट देखो मोचो वोर देख । मोचो मारले-से तुचो का वडाई मीलेते । इतनो सुन बाघने मुसाको छोडेन घाती । मुसाने अर्जी करलो । वो कहलो, कोनी दिनमें आपलो येचे दायाका बदला दीहो । हुनकी सुन बाघ हँसलो आउर वन-वाट गेलो । थोडे दिन पाछे हुन वनके पासके रहिलो वीतामन फाँदा लगावलो । बाघको फसावलो । क्योंकि हुन हुनके ठोरको कन्तु-कन्तु मारते रेलो । बाघने फाँदोसे निकलन रहलो, फेर निकल नही सकलो । आखिर हुन दुखकी मारे नरिआवलो । हुनी मुसाने जिनके बाघ छोडाउन दिले रहलो हुन नरिआलो सुनलो । हुन आपलो उपकार करियाकी बोली जानलो आउर खोजत उथा अमरलो हुता बाघ फसा पडा रहलो । हुन आपलो तेजचो दाँतोसे फाँदाको कतरलो आउर बाघको छडावलो ॥

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABĪ

(KANKER)

SPECIMEN III

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Ek-dun bāgh kōnī ban-mũ padō sōu ivalī Ek-dam khub-jhan musā
One tiger a-certain forest-in lying sleeping was At once many-people mice
 hun-kē pās ap'lō bil-lō mīkar'lō Hun-kē ārō-sē bāgh uth'lō
him-of near then-own hole-from came-out Them-of nose-from the-tiger arose
 aur hun-kē dāv'lā ek-dun musā-pai ek-dam pad'lā Rīs-mē ilō
and his paw one mouse upon suddenly fell Anger-into he-came
 Bāgh-nē hun musā-kō mālī-bai tayāi hō rah'lō Musā
The-tiger-by that mouse to killing-for ready having-become was The-mouse
 arjī kar'lō, 'tum-chō āpau-bāt dekhō mō-chō vōi dēkh, mō-chō mār'lō-sē
statement made, 'your own-way look me-of direction look, me-of killing-from
 tu-chō kī badlī mālī-tō?' It'nō sun bāgh-nē musā-kō
you what greatness will-be-got?' This having-heard tiger-by mouse-to
 chhōdēn-thātī Musā-nō arjī kar'lō Vō kah'lō, 'kōnī dīn-mē
let-off The-mouse-by statement was-made He said, 'a-certain day-on
 āp'lō yē chō dāyā-kī bad'lā dīhō' Hun-kē sun bāgh
your-own this kindness of return I-will-give' That having-heard tiger
 hās'lō aur ban-bāt galō Thōdō dīn pāchhē hun ban-kē pās-kē
laughed and forest way went A-few days after that forest-of near-of
 rah'lō bitā-man phādā lagāvlō, bāgh-kō phasāvlō Kyaū-kī hun hun-kē dhōi-kō
living men a-net spread, tiger-to caught Because he then cattle
 kantū-kantū mār'tō ielō Bāgh-nē phādō-sē mīlan rah'lō, phēr mīkal
sometimes killing was The-tiger-by the-net-from getting-out was, but get-out
 nahī sak'lō Ākhū hun dukh-kē mārū nārāvlō Hunī musā-nē, jūn-kē
not could At-last he pain-of through roared That mouse-by, whom-to
 bāgh chhōdāun dilō rah'lō, hun nārālō sun'lō Hun āp'lō
the-tiger having-let-off having-given lived, that roar was-heard He his-own
 up'kār kariyā-kē bōlī jān'lō aur khōjat uthā amar'lō hutā bāgh
obligation doer-of speech knew and searching there arrived there the-tiger
 phasā padā rah'lō Hun āp'lō tēj'chō dātō-sē phādā-kō katar'lō āun
ensnared fallen was He his-own sharp teeth-by the-net-to cut and
 bāgh-kō chhadāvlō
the-tiger-to set-free

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

A tiger had once fallen asleep in a forest. Suddenly many mice came out from their holes close to him. At their noise the tiger awoke and put his paw on one of the mice. He got angry and was just going to kill the mouse, when it made the following request, 'Look at yourself and at me. What good will come to you from killing me?' Having heard this the tiger let the mouse off. The mouse then said to him, 'Some day I will make return for this your kindness.' The tiger laughed at this and went into the forest. A few days after the men who lived near the forest spread a net and caught the tiger, because he sometimes killed their cattle. The tiger tried to get out of the net, but could not. So he began at last to roar with pain. The mouse which the tiger had released heard his roar, understood that it was the voice of its benefactor, and found its way to the place where the tiger was caught in the net. With its sharp teeth it cut the net and set the tiger free.

It has already been mentioned that the Mah'ī dialect of Bastar is, in reality, nothing else than Hal'bi. The two specimens which follow share all the characteristic features of that dialect.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI

MAH'RI DIALECT.

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN I.

कोहीचो दुङ्ग-ठन वेटा रला। ताचो नानी वेटा वापकी वोळलो, ए वावा, धन-भीतरचो जो मोचो भाग आसो ताको मोकी दे। तेवे हुनकी आपलो धनकी वाटा दीलो। बहुत दिन नी सारा रली नानी वेटा सव धनकी एकी ठाने वनाअला दूर देश गेलो और हुता लँडियापनमें दिन सारते रली सव धनकी वरवाद करलो। जीवे सव धनकी सारापकाअला हुँन देशमें बहुत भूख पड़ली। और हुँन कंगाल होलो। और हुँन हुता जायकी हुँन राजकी गोठोका साहूकार घरे रला। हुँन साहूकार हुँनकी ताचो वेड़ामें घुसरा चराज्जकी पठायलो। और हुनकी वरहा खाते रलो ताकी आपन खातो-काजी मन करलो। और ताकी कोहूँ काहीं नी दीते रला। हुँताले ताकी चेत पड़ली, और तो वोळलो, माचो वाप घरे भुतियारिनचो भात वाचा जाते रली और एवे मुँय भूख काजी मरदे आये। और एवे मुँय वावा घरे जायेंदे और वावाकी वोळदे, ये वावा, मुँय भगवानचो हुकुम नी मानले, वापचे पुरे पाप करले। अवे मुँय तुचो वेटा वोळतोर लायकचो नो हॉय। अवे मोकी तुचो भुतियार सगे वरावर वनवा देस। तेवे हुन उठलो और पाछे वावा ठाने गेलो। अंधरलो वाप-बीता देखलो और माया करलो। वाप-बीता पराआते गेलो हुँनकी टोड़रा धरासीन चूमलो। तेवे वेटा वोळलो, ये वावा, मुँय भगवानचो हुकुम नी मानले तुचे पुरे तो मुँय पाप करलो। येवे मुँय तुचो वेटा वोळतोर नो होली। तेवे वाप-बीता कवाडीमनकी वोळलो, अच्छा कपड़ा निकारवासीन ताकी पिधवा। और हॉथे मुंदी और पायें पन्हई पिधवा। और हमी खिलूँ हरिख होलूँ। मोचो वेटा मरा रलो अवे और जीवलो हाजा रलो और पावलो। तेवे हुँन हरिख होला ॥

ताचो वड़े वेटा वेड़ामें रलो। और जीवे वेड़ाले ब्रतो बेरा घर लगे पोहूँचलो तेवे वाजा और नाचकी गजर सुनलो। और हुन कवाडी-भीतरचो गोठककी हाँक देयासीन ताकी पुक़ला, ये काय आय। कवाडी-बीता हुनकी

बोललो, तुचो भाईं झलो आये और तुचो बाप नीक राँधा बनायलो आये, ये ताचो काजि हुनके नीको पावलीस। तो रिस लागली मनी घर-भीतरे नी जाँय बोललो। बाबा घरले निसकासीन हुनके मनाआते रलो। तेवे हुन बाबाके बोललो, देख, मुँय येतलो वरखले तुचो सेवा करदे आये। तुचो बोलके मुँय केवे नी टारलो। केवे मोके तुँड मॅंड़ा नी दीलिस, माचो मीत सगे मुँय हरिख करतो रले। ये बेठा छिनार संगे तुमचो धनके सारा पकाअलो जदलो-दाईं झलो येदलो-दाईं नीको राँधा बनायलो। ताचे बाबा बोललो, ये बेठा, तुँड सगर दिन मोचो संगी आसीस। जे माचो आये हुन तुचो आये। हुनचो हरिख करतोर बात रली, तुचो भाईं मरा रलो फेर जिवलो हाजा रलो और पावलो ॥

[No. 87.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABĪ

MAHARĪ DIALECT.

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN I.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōhi-chō du-ṭhan bēṭā rālā Tā-chō nānī bēṭā bāp-kē
A-certain-one-of two-only sons were. Them-of younger son the-father-to
bōl'lō, 'ē bābā, dhan-bhīṭai-chō jō mō-chō bhāg āsē tā-kē mō-kē
said, 'O father, wealth-in-of what my share is that me-to
dē' Tēbē hun-kē āp'lō dhan-kē bātā dīlō Bahut dīn
give' Then them-to his-own wealth divided he-gave Many days
nī sārā rālī, nānī bēṭā sab dhan-kē ēkē-ṭhānē banāālā,
not passed were, younger son all wealth one-in-place made,
dūr dēs gēlō, au hutā lānyāpan-mē dīn sār'tē rālō
far country he-went, and there debauchery-in days passing (he-)was
sab dhan-kē bar'bād kar'lō Jēbē sab dhan-kē sārā-pakāālā, hūn
all wealth squandered made When all wealth-to he-had-spent, that
dēs-mē bahut bhūkh paṛ'li, aur hūn kangāl hōlō Aur
country-in great hunger fell, and he poor became And
hūn hutā jāy-kē hūn rāj-kē gōṭōk sāhūkār gharē rālā
he there having-gone that country-of one wealthy-citizen in-house lived
Hūn sāhūkār hūn-kē tā-chō bēṛā-mē ghus'rā oharāṭ-kē pathāy'lō Aur hun-kē
That citizen him-to his field-in swine graze-to he-sent And his
bar'hā khātē rālō, tā-kē āpan khātō-kājē man kar'lō Au tā-kē kōhū
the-swine eating were, that himself eating-for mind he-made And him-to anyone
kāhī nī dītē rālā Hūntā-lē tā-kē chēt paṛ'li, aur tō
anything not giving was That-after him-to consciousness fell, and he
bōl'lō, 'mā-chō bāp-gharē bhutayārin-chō bhāt bāohā jātē rālī, aur
said, 'my father's-in-house hired-servants-of food saved going was, and
ēbē mūy bhūkh-kājē marandē āyē, aur ēbē mūy bābā-gharē
now I hunger-with dying am, and now I to-father's-house
jāyēndē, aur bābā-kē bōlandē, "yē bābā, mūy Bhag'vān-chō lukum nī
will-go, and father-to shall-say, "O father, I God-of order not
mān'lē, bāp-chē purē pāp kar'lē Abē mūy tu-chō bēṭā hōl'tōr
obeyed, father-of before sin I-made Now I thy son being-called-of

layak-chō nō hāy Abū mō-kē tu-chō bhutiyār-sangē barābar ban^avā-dēs^{''}
worthy-of not am Now me-to thy servant-with alike make^{''}
 Tēbē hun uṭh^llō, aur pāchhō bābā-thānō gēlō Adharlō
Then he arose, and afterwards father-near went From a-distance
 bāp-bitā dēkh^llō, aur māyā kar^llō. Bāp-bitā parāūtō gēlō,
father-the saw, and compassion made The-father running went,
 hūn-kē tōr^arā dharā-sin chūm^llō. Tēbō bētā bol^llō, 'yē
him-of neck having-seized kissed Then the-son said, 'O
 bābā, mūy Bhag^avān chō hukum nī mām^llō, tu-chō purē tō mūy
father, I God-of order not obeyed, thee-of before then I
 pāp kar^llō, yēbō mūy tu-chō bētā bol^ltōr nō hōlī
sin made, now I thee-of son being-called-of not became'
 Tēbē bāp-bitā kabārī-man-kē bol^llō, 'achchhā kap^arā nikar^avā-sin
Then father-the the-servants-to said, 'best a-cloth having-brought-forth
 tā-kē pindhavā, aur hāthō mudi, aur pāy^ē panhai pindhavā, aur hamī
him-to put-on, and on-hand a-ring, and on-feet shoes put-on; and we
 khēlī, harikh hōlī Mō-chō bētā marā ralō, abō aur jib^llō, hājā
shall-eat, merry shall-we-be My son dead was, now again is-alive, lost
 ralō, aur pāv^llō Tēbō hūn harikh hōlī
was, and is-found' Then they joyous became

Tā-chō barē bētā bēra-mē ralō, aur jēbō bēra-lō itō bēra
His elder son field-in was, and when field-from coming while
 ghar-lagē pōhūch^llō, tēbō bājā aur nāch-kē gajar sun^llō Aur
house-near he-arrived, then music and dancing-of noise he-heard And
 hun kabārī-bhitar-chō gōtak-kē hāk-dēyā-sin tā-kē pūchh^llā, 'yē
he the-servants-among of one-to having-called him-to he-asked, 'this
 kāy āy?' Kabārī-bitā hun-kē bol^llō, 'tu-chō bhāi ilō āyē, aur tu-chō
what is?' The-servant him-to said, 'thy brother come is, and thy
 bāp nikō rādhā banāy^llō-āyē, yē tā-chō-kājō hun-kē nikō pāv^llis
father good a-feast has-given, this that-of-on-account him-to safe he-found'
 Tō ris lāg^lli manī, 'ghai-bhitarē nī jāy,' bol^llō Bābā
Then anger arose having-said, 'the-house-into not I-will-go,' he-said The-father
 ghai-lē nū^akā-sin hun-kē manāātē ralō Tēbē hun bābā-kē bol^llō, 'dēkh,
house-from having-come-out him-to entreating was Then he father-to said, 'see,
 mūy yēt^llō barakh-lē tu-chō sēvā karandē āyē, tu-chō bol^l-kē mūy kēbē nī
I so-many years-from thy service doing am, thy speech-to I ever not
 tār^llō, kēbē mō-kē tū mē^arā nī dilis, mā-chō mīt-sangē mūy
transgressed, ever me-to thou a-goat not gavest, my friends-with I
 harikh kar^ltō ralē Yē bētā ohhūnār-sangē tum-chō dhan-kē
merriment making might-be This son harlots-with thee-of wealth
 sārā pakāalō, jad^llō-dāi ilō, yēd^llō-dāi nikō rādhā
having-squandered threw, as-soon-as he-came, so-soon good a-feast

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI.

MAH'RI DIALECT

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN II. .

सवाल—तुमचो गायें माटा नामचो गोंड रहलो जे ।

जवाव—रहतो-काजे रहलो मातर दूवे निँहे ।

सवाल—माटा दूवे कहाँ गेलो ।

जवाव—कहाँ निह जाय हुनी मरुन गेलो ।

सवाल—काद्र व्याद धरुन रली कि हुनाके कोछ मारुन पकाला ।

जवाव—हुनके काद्र व्याद रोग निह धरे कोनी पुनी मारला तेवे हुन मरलो ।

सवाल—हुनके कोन मारलो ।

जवाव—मैं कसन जाँने ।

सवाल—साखी लोग वोल्सत कि माटाके तुम्ही मारुन पकालस । एवे तुमचो काय वोल्तुर असे ।

जवाव—मैं तो निह मारलेसे । साखीमनके सिखालस अस । मचो माटा-संग भगडा ठिन काही होलर निहे । मैं हुनके कसन मारते ।

सवाल—ये टंगिया तुमचो घरे निकरली ।

जवाव—हाँ निकरली । ये मुचो टगिया आय । गुने मुचो घरे निकरली ।

सवाल—ये टगिया-उपरे लोहू होलीसे ।

जवाव—हाँ होलीसे । मैं वोकाड़ा कोठले गुन हुनचो लोहू होलीसे ।

सवाल—ये कटद्र तुमचो घरे निकरली ।

जवाव—पोलिस हवलदार मोचो छामने ये धोती मचो घरे पकाउन दिलो । मैं वल्ले, मालिका हुसन निह करा । मुचो उपरे वदी एदे । सर्कार मोके फाँसी

देदे। हवलदार बोललो तुझ माटाकी मारलीसस, सबू लोग बोलसत तो एचे काजे ये धोती तुचो घरे पकाँयसे।

सवाल—तुझ और माटा मँद पियुन रेलस।

जवाब—मैं रोज पियेंसे, मौस पुनी खाँयसे।

सवाल—मसा कलारचो मँद-भाटीमे तुझ और माटा पोरा दिने मँद खाते रहस।

जवाब—पोरा दिन मोचो माँमाँ गुष्टा घरे रलो। माटा-संगे मंसाचो भाटी थाने निह गेलसे। सबू फन्दाय।

सवाल—माटाचो मढा तुमी देखलास अस।

जवाब—गाँवचो लोग सबू देखूके जाउन रला। हुसने मैं पुनी देखूके जाउन रले।

सवाल—माटाके काइ थाने पुन घाव लागुन रहे।

जवाब—एक घाव टगियाचो हुनके मुडे रहली। दूसर हुनके छातीमें रहे। हुनचो गागामें एक-ठन कटझ रली, हुता लोह्न होउन रहे। हुतलोले मैं काही निह जाने॥

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HALABĪ.

MAHARĪ DIALECT

(BASTAR STATE)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Savāl.—Tum-chō gāyē Mātā nām-chō gōnd rah'lō jē ?
Question — Your in-village Mātā by-name a-Gōnd lived what ?

Javāb — Rah'tō-kājē, rah'lō, mātār ibē nīhē
Answer — Having-as-to, lived, but now is-not

Savāl — Mātā ibē kahā gēlō ?
Question — Mātā now where went ?

Javāb — Kahā nih jāy Hunī marun gēlō
Answer — Anywhere not went. He having-died went

Savāl — Kāi byād dharun rali, kī hunā-kē kōhū mārūn
Question — Any disease having-seized was, or him-to anyone having-beaten
 pakālā ?
killed ?

Javāb — Hun-kē kāi byād-rōg nih dharē, kōnī-punī mār'lā,
Answer — Him-to any disease-sickness not seized, somebody-else killed (him),
 tēbē hun mar'lō
then he died

Savāl — Hun-kē kōn mār'lō ?
Question — Him-to who killed ?

Javāb — Maī kasan jānē
Answer — I how should-know.

Savāl — Sākhī-lōg bōl'sat kī, Mātā-kē tumhī mārūn-pakālas Ebē
Question — The-witnesses say that, Mātā-to you have-killed Now
 tum-chō kāy bōl'tur asē ?
you of what to-say is ?

Javāb — Maī tō nih mār'lē-sē Sākhī-man-kē sikhālas-asa
Answer — I surely not have-killed The-witnesses (they-)taught have
 Ma-chō Mātā-sang jhag'rā-thm kāhī hōlai mhē Maī hun-kē kasan
Me-of Mātā-with quarrel any become is not I him-to why
 mār'tē ?
should-have-killed ?

Savāl — Yē tangiyā tum-chō gharē nikar'li ?
Question — This are your in-house was-found ?

Javāb — Hā nīkar'li, yō mu-ohō tangiyā āy Gunō mu-ohō
Answer — Yes was-found; this my axe is So my
 gharē nīkar'li.
in-house was-found.

Savāl — Yō tangiyā-up'rō lōhū hōlī-sē
Question — This axe-upon blood attached-is
 Javāb — Hā hōlī-sē. Māī bōk'rā kōṭ'lē gun hun-ohō
Answer — Yes attached is, I a-gout cut (killed) therefore its
 lōhū hōlī-sē
blood was-attached.

Savāl — Yō kaṭī tum-chō gharē nīkar'li.
Question — This cloth your in-house was-found.
 Javāb — Pōhs havā'dār mō-ohō ohhām'nō yē dhōtī ma-ohō
Answer — The-police Havildar me-of in-presence this cloth me-of
 gharē pakāun dīlō Māī bal'lē, 'māhik, husan nih karā,
in-house having-thrown gave. I said, 'master, this-way not do,
 mu-ohō-up'rē hādī ēdō, Sarkār mō-kō phṛsī dēdē'
me-of-upon all-name will-come, Government me-to hanging will-give'
 Havā'dār bōl'lō, 'tū Mātā-kō mār'lisas, sabū lōg bōl'sat, tō
The-Havildar said, 'thou Mātā-to hast-killed, all people say, then
 ē-chē-kājē yō dhōtī tu-ohō gharē pakāy-sē.
this of for-the sake this cloth thy in-house I-have-thrown

Savāl — Tū aur Māfā mād piyun rēlas?
Question — Thou and Māfā liquor having-drunk were?
 Javāb — Māī rōj piyē-sē, mas punī khāy-sē.
Answer — I daily drink, flesh also I-eat

Savāl — Mansā kalār-chō mād-bhāṭī-mē tū aur Māfā Pōrā-dinē
Question — Mansā kalār-of liquor-still-in thou and Māfā on-Pōrā-day
 mād khātō rahas?
liquor eating were?

Javāb — Pōrā-din mō-ohō nāmā Gutṭā gharē ralō Māfā-sangē
Answer — On-Pōrā-day my uncle Gutṭā in-house was. Māfā with
 Mansā-chō bhāṭī-thānō nih gōl-sē. Sabū phandāy
Mansā-of still-near not I-gone-was All false

Savāl — Mātā-chō marhū tumī dēkh'lās-asa?
Question — Mātā-of dead-body you have-seen?
 Javāb — Gāv chō lōg sabū dēkhū-kē jāun ralā.
Answer — The-village-of people all to-see having-gone were
 Hus'nō māī punī dēkhū-kē jāun ralē
In-the-same-way I also to see having-gone was.

Savāl — Māfā-kē kāi-thānē pun ghāv lāgun rahē?
Question — Māfā-to what in-places again wound having-been-applied was?

Jarāb — Ek ghāv tangiyā-ohō hun-kē mundē rah'li. Dusar hun-kē
Answer — One stroke axe-of him-of on-head was. Another him-of
 ohhātī-mē rahē Hun chō gāgā-mē ēk-than katai rali, hutā lōhū
 the-breast-on was Him-of body-on one-only cloth was, on-that blood
 hōun rahē Hut'lō-lē māi kāhī nih jānē.
 having-been was This-from I anything not know.

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING.

Question — Was there a man called Mātā in your village?

Answer — Yes, but now he is not there.

Question — Where has Mātā now gone?

Answer — He has not gone anywhere. He is dead.

Question — Did a disease seize him, or has anybody killed him?

Answer — No disease seized him, but some one killed him, and so he died.

Question — Who killed him?

Answer — How should I know.

Question — The witnesses say that you have killed Mātā. Now, what have you to say?

Answer — Surely I have not killed him. The witnesses have been told to say so. I have not had any quarrel with Mātā. Why should I kill him?

Question — This axe was found in your house?

Answer — Yes, this is my axe, and so it was found in my house.

Question — There was blood on this axe?

Answer — Yes. I had killed a goat, and therefore there was blood.

Question — This cloth was found in your house?

Answer — The police sergeant threw this *dhoti* into my house in my presence. I said, 'Master, don't do so. I shall be suspected, and the Government will hang me.' The sergeant said, 'thou hast killed Mātā. All people say so, and therefore I have thrown this cloth into thy house.'

Question — Had you and Mātā drunk liquor?

Answer — I drink liquor every day, and I also eat flesh.

Question — Were you and Mātā on the Pōrī day drinking liquor in Mansā Kalār's liquor-distillery?

Answer — On the Pōrī day my uncle Guṭṭā stayed with me. I did not go with Mātā to Mansā's distillery. That is all false.

Question — Have you seen Mātā's corpse?

Answer — All the village people went to see it. And in the same way I also went to see it.

Question — Where had Mātā been wounded?

Answer — There was a wound of an axe on his head, and another on his breast. Only one cloth was on his body, and blood was on it. I do not know anything more than this.

¹ Pōrī is festival celebrated on the new moon of Śrāvaṇa or of Bhādrapada. Bullocks are exempted from work on Pōrī day. ² I do not know the exact date of Pōrī.

The Halbis of Bhandara speak the usual Marathi of the district, with very few peculiarities.

Th is usually substituted for *f*; thus, *dhāk'lhā*, younger, *vā'lhā*, share

Cerebral *l* is pronounced as *r*, thus, *mu'lc*, is got. In *ūzavād*, near, the final *d* is probably written for *r* or *r*.

Note forms such as *mī pāp kēlan*, I did sin, *tyā-na vāsēt dēlan*, he gave his property; *khārā- iā*, to eat.

In all essentials, however, the so-called Halbi of Bhandara closely agrees with the current Marathi of the district, as will be seen from the specimen which follows

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARATHI

HALBI DIALECT

(BHANDARA)

एका माणमाले दोन लेकरा होते । त्या पैकी धाकठा वापाले वोलला, वावा, मालमत्तेचा जो वाठा आहे तो आमचा दे । त्यान मग रासेत वाठून देलन । मग जुग्या दिसानी लाहान पोऱ्या अरधा जमा केला अन दुर मुलखा मंधी निघून गेला । तेथ जाऊन-सन्धानी आपला पैसा त्यान उमसपणान उडवलन । अवघा पैसा त्यान उडवून-सन्धा मग त्या गावी मझाग पडला । त्याच्या मधी त्याले अडचण पडली । तऱ्हा तो त्या गावच्या मोठ्या माणसाच्या पासी जाऊन राहिला । त्यान आपल्या वावरात डूकर चारावाले धाडलन । तऱ्हा डूकर फोल खातेत ते खावाना अन आपल पोठ भरावा अस त्याला वाठलन । त्याले कोणी काही देलन नाही । मग तो सुधवर आला अन वोलला, माम्या वापाच्या घरी चाकराले पोठभर रोठी खावाले मिरते मी उपागी'मरतुन । मी उठून आपल्या वापा-कड जाईन वापाले मनल, मी देवा-पासी अन तुम्या गिरी पाप केलुन । अज-पासून मी तुम्हा काही पोऱ्या म्हुन राहिलु नाई, तु माले एका चाकरा परमाने ठेव । मग उठून वापा जवड गेला । लेकाले दुर पाडून-सन्धा त्याच्या पोठांत दया आली । धावत जाऊन-सन्धा त्याच्या गऱ्याले पोठारलन मग त्याचा चुमा घेतलन । मग पोऱ्या वापाले मतलन वावा, मी देवा-पासून अन तुम्या गिरी पाप केलु होतु । अज-पासून तुम्हा काँहीं मी लेकरु नाइ । मग वापान चाकराले सांगितलन, या पोऱ्याले वेस आगडा आणून घाल । हाता-मधी मुदी अन पाया-मधी जोडा ठाक । मग आपुन जेऊन खाऊन-सन्धा अनन्द होऊ । हा माम्या पोऱ्या मेला होता अन मग जिता झाला । तो दवलला होता तो सापलला । मग ते दीघे-भन अनन्द करू लागले ॥

त्या-वक्ती त्याचा वडिल पोच्या वावरात होता । तिकून घरा-काठी येजन-सन्या वाजा अन नाच ऐकलन । एका चाकराले वलाजन-शनी विचारलन, हे का हो । त्यान सागिलन का, हा तुम्हा भाज आला आहे । तुम्ह्या वापाले हा सुख-रितान मिरला । मग त्यान मोठा जेवन केलन । त्याले मोठा मंग राग आला, अन घरात जायेना । त्याचा वाप वाहेर आला त्याले समजाज लागला । मंग वापाले मतलन का, इतके वरस भाले मी तुम्ही चाकरी करतून । तुम्हा हुकुम काँही मोडलु नाई । माभ्या सग्या-वरोवर खुशी करावाले तु माले काही वकरा देलास नाही । अन यान तुम्हा समदा पैसा कीजवीज वरावर उडवून देलन वापा-कड आला, मुन त्याच्यासाठी त्यान जेवन केलन । तन्हा वापान पोराळे संतलन, पोरा तु हमेशा माभ्या वरावर आहेस । हा इतकाही मालमता तुम्हीच आहे । आपुन खुशी करावा हे आपले काम होते । हा तुम्हा भाज मेला होता, मंग फिरून जिता भाला । तो दवलला होता तो सापलला ॥

[No. 89.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

MARĀTHĪ.

HALBI DIALECT.

(BHANDARA)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ekā mīn'sī-lē dōn lēk'rī hōtē. Tyā-paikī dhāk'thā
 One man-to two children were. Them-from-among the-younger
 bāpī-lē bol'lī, 'bābā, māl'mattē-tsā dzō vāthā jhē, tō ām-tsā dē.'
 father-to spoke, 'father, the-property-of what share is, that our give'
 Tyī-na mang rīsēt vāthūn dēlan Mag dzugyā disā-nī
 Him-by then the-property having-divided was-given. Then a-few days-in
 lālān pōryī ar'dhī dzamā kēlī, an dui mul'khā-mandhī mghūn
 the-younger by-son (his-) half together was made, and far country-into having-gone
 gēlī Tēthā dzūn-sanyā-nī āp'lā pasā tyā-na umas'panān udav'lan
 went There having-gone his-own money him-by riotousness-with was-squandered
 Ar'ghī pasā tyī-na ud'rūn-sanyā mang tyā gāvī mahāng
 All money him-by having-squandered then that in-village dearth
 pad'lī Tyā-chyā madhī tyā-lē ad'tsan pad'lī Tavhā tō tyā
 fell. That-of in-mudst him-to difficulty fell Then he that
 gīr-chyī mōlhyā mām'sī-chyā-pāsī dzāūn rāhulā Tyā-na āp'lyā
 village-of great man-of-near having-gone lived Him by his-own
 vāv'rīt dūkar tsārāvā-lē dhād'lan. Tavhā dūkar phōl khātēt tē
 into-field sicine feed-to it-was-sent Then the-sicine husks eat that
 khāvā-nī, an āp'lā pōth bharāvā, asa tyā lā vāth'lan
 to-eat, and his-own belly should-be-filled, so him-to it-appeared.
 Tyā-lē kōnī kāhī dēlan nāhī. Mang tō sudh-var ālā, an
 Him-to by-anybody anything was given not Then he senses-on came, and
 bōl'lī, 'mājhyā bāpā-chyā gharī tsāk'rā-lē pōth-bhar rōthī khāvā le
 spoke, 'my father-of at-house servants-to belly-full bread eat-to
 mar'tō, mī upāsī mar'tun. Mī uṭhūn āp'lyā bāpā-kada
 is-obtained, I hungry die. I having-arisen my-own father-to
 dzāūn, bāpā-lē manal, "mī Dēvā-pāsī an tujhyā sūī pāp kēlun
 will-go, father-to will-say, "by-me God-near and thy on-head sin was-made.
 Adz-pāsūn mī tudzhā kāhī pōryā mhun rāhulu nāī, tu mā-lē
 To-day-from I thy at-all son saying remained not, thou me-to
 ēkā tsāk'rā par'mānē thēv'' Mang uṭhūn bāpā-dzavad gēlā
 one servant like keep'' Then having-arisen father-near (he) went.

Lēkā-lē dur pāhūn-sanvī tyā-chyā pōrhāt dayā āli. Dhivat
The-son-to far having-seen him-of in-belly compassion came. Running
 dzāun-sanyā tyā-chyā garyā-lē pōthir'lan, mang tyā-tsī tsumā ghāt'lan.
having-gone him-of neck-to it-was-embraced, then him-of a-kiss was-taken.
 Mang pōryā bāpā-lē mant'lan, 'bībī, mī Dēvā-pīsūn an tujhā
Then (by-)the-son father-to it-was-said, 'father, by-me God-from and thy
 suī pāp kēlu hōtu Adz-pāsūn tudzhī kāhī mī lek'ru nū'
on-head sin made was To-day-from thy at-all I child am-not'
 Mang bāpā-na tsāk'rā-lē sāngit'lan, 'yī pōryā-lē būs āng'dā
Then the-father-by servants-to it-was-told, 'this son-to good a-coat
 inūn ghāl. Hātī-mandhī mūdī, an pīyā-mandhī dzōdī thīk
having-brought put The-hand-on a-ring, and the-feet-on a-shoe put
 Mang apun jēun khūn-sanyī anand hōū Hī mādzhā pōryī
Then we having-dined having-eaten joyful will-be This my son
 mēlā hōtā, an mang jītā dzhālā, tō daval'lā hōtā, tō sāpal'lī'
dead was, and then alive became, he lost was, he is-found'
 Mang tē dōghē-dzhan anand karū lāg'lē
Then they both-persons joy to-do began

Tyā-vak'ti trī-tsā radhī pōryā vāvrāt hōtā Tikūn gharā-kāthī
At-that-time him-of eldest son in-field was There-from house-near
 vēūn-sanyā vājā an nāts ank'lan Ekī tsāk'rā-lē balāūn-sanī
having-come music and dance was-heard One servant-to having-called
 vitsār'lan, 'hē kā hō?' Tyā-na sāngulan kā, 'hā tudzhā bhāū
it-was-asked, 'this what is?' Him-by it-was-told that, 'this thy brother
 ālā āhē Tujhā bāpā-lē hā sukh-rātān mūlā Mang tyā-na mōthā
come is Thy father-to this safe was-got. Then him-by great
 jēvan kēlan' Trā-lē mōthā mang rāg ālā an gharāt
a-feast was-made' Him-to great then anger came, and in-the-house
 dzāyē-nā Tyā-tsā bāp bāhēr ālā, tyā-lē sam'dzāū lāg'lā Mang
would-go-not Him-of father out came, him-to to-entreat began Then
 bāpā-lē mant'lan, hā, 'it'hē varas dzhālē, mī tujhī tsāk'rī
the-father-to it-was-said, that, 'so-many years became, I thy service
 kartūn, tudzhā hukum kāhī mōd'lu nāi Mājhyā sangyā-barōbar khusī
am-doin, thy command ever was-broken not My friends-with delight
 karārā-lē tu mā-lē kāhī bak'rā dēlās nāhī, an yā-na tudzhā sam'dā
make-to by-thee me-to ever a-goat was-given not, and this-by thy all
 paisā kīdz'bīdz-barābar ud'rūn dēlan, bāpā-kada ālā,
money the-harlots-with having-squandered was-given, the-father-to came,
 mun tyā-chyāsāthī tyā-na jēvan kēlan' Tavhī bāpā-na
therefore him-of-for him-by a-feast was-made.' Then the-father-by

pōra-lō mant'lan, ' pōrā, tu hamēśā mājhyā barābar āhēs, hā
the-son-to it-was said, 'son, you always of me with are, this
 it'hā-hī māl'matā tujhī-ts āhē āpun khuśī karāvā, hē
so-much property thine-alone is By-us merriment should-be-made, this
 āplē kām hōtē Hī tudzhā bhāu mēlā hōtā, mang phirūn jātā
our duty was, This thy brother dead was, then again alive
 dzhālā, tō daval'lā hōtā, tō sāpal'lā '
became, he lost was, he is-found'

Halbas are also found in Berar. At the Census of 1891, 2,841 Halbas were enumerated in the district, and in 1901 their number had increased to 3,124. They are weavers, and most of them are found in Ellichpur.

They have not been reported to speak a separate dialect, and it is probable that at least some of them use the language of their neighbours. A specimen of Hal'bi has, however, been forwarded from Ellichpur, and it shows that some Halbas have a dialect of their own. We are not, however, able to give any figures.

The Hal'bi dialect of Berar is not identical with that illustrated in the preceding pages. It has much less points of analogy with Marāṭhī and more closely agrees with Eastern Hindī. On the other hand, it has some characteristics in which it agrees with Gujarāṭī Bhili.

The pronunciation is mainly the same as in ordinary Hal'bi. Compare, *balis* and *bōlis*, he said, *bol'hū*, I will say, *bē'ā*, time. *Chh*, however, becomes *s* as in Bhili, thus, *pusis*, he asked. Note the frequent substitution of *d* for *l*, thus, *udh'dōpanā-na*, riotously, *kād*, famine.

The usual case suffixes are, case of the agent, *na*, dative, *lā*, genitive, *kō*, *kā*, locative, *mā*. Thus, *bā-na āp'lō kām'dār-lā sāngīs*, the-father-by his servants-to it-was-said, *mānus lā*, to a man, *mō'ō bāp-lā kūt sāl'dār-lā*, to how many servants of my father's, *jan'gī-kō hussā*, the share of the property, *thōdā divas-mā*, in few days.

It will be seen from the examples that the oblique form is identical with the base, and that the case of the agent is used to denote the subject of the past tense of transitive verbs. The nominative is, however, used instead in *lāhānō pōryā bōlis*, the younger son said. *Pōryā* perhaps contains another suffix of the agent corresponding to *ē* in Bhili.

Pōryā, son, shows that strong masculine bases end in *ā*. They do not change in the plural, thus, *pōryā*, sons. There are, on the whole, no traces of any suffix of the plural in the specimen.

Strong adjectives, including the genitive, end in *ō*, and only occasionally in *ā*. Thus, *lāhānō pōryā*, the younger son, but *mōthā pōryā*, the elder son.

The following are the personal pronouns —

<i>mī</i> , I	<i>tū</i> , thou,	<i>ō</i> , he (oblique <i>ōn</i>)
<i>mī</i> , by me	<i>tu-na</i> , by thee,	<i>ō-na</i> , by him
<i>mō-lā</i> , to me.		<i>ō-lā</i> , to him
<i>mōrō</i> , my.	<i>tō'ō</i> , thy,	<i>ō-kō</i> , his

Other pronouns are *yō*, this, dative *yē-lā*, *jē-na*, by whom, *kāy*, what?

The verb substantive agrees with Marāthī in the present and with Bhilī in the past tense. Thus, *āhū*, I am, *āhās*, thou art, *āhā*, he is, past *hōtō* (and *hōtā*), plural *hōtā*.

The present tense of finite verbs is formed from the present participle. Thus, *mar-tu*, I die, *bhēl'tē*, it is got. The latter form might also be compared with Dravidian forms such as Kanarese *mād-utle*, Gōndī *līūtā*, it does.

The past tense is formed in various ways. The suffix *yō*, corresponding to Bhilī *yō*, occurs in forms such as *tōrī marjī mī tōdyō* (sic) *nahī*, I did not break thy order, *gayō*, he went. A suffix *s* is used in the second and third persons singular, thus, *dēyēs*, (thou) gavest, *āsīs*, he gave. Such forms take the subject in the case of the agent.

A third suffix *nu* or *na* occurs in forms such as *rahē-nu*, he stayed, *dcī-na*, he gave. It is probably identical with the *n*-suffix which is used in Bhilī and other languages spoken by aboriginal tribes. It is probably of Dravidian origin. Compare the form *chhōdēn-thātī*, he released, mentioned above under ordinary Marāthī.

A perfect is formed by adding the verb substantive to a form ending in *ē*, third person *is*, thus, *mī karē āhū*, I have done, *tu-nu pangat dēyē-āhās*, by-thee a-feast given-is, *ō-na pangat karīs-āhā*, him-by a-feast made-is.

The future is formed by adding an *h*-suffix. Thus, *bal'hū*, I shall say. In the plural we find *kar'bō*, we shall make. Compare Chhattisgarhī.

The infinitive is formed as in Eastern Hindi, thus *charab-lā*, in order to tend. There is also a form ending in *nō*, but it is used as a futuro participle passive, thus, *pōt bhār'nō*, the belly should be filled.

Examples of the conjunctive participle are *uāt*, having divided, *chalī*, having gone, *kar-saī*, having done, *dhāy-kunā*, having run. *Kunā* in the last example corresponds to Gōndī *kun*.

For further details the specimen which follows should be consulted.

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INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR.)

कोनी-एक मानुसला दोई पोया होता । ओका भितरल एक लाहानो पोया वापला बोलीस वावा जो जिनगीको हिस्सा मोला आह ओ दे । मग ओन ओला पैसा वाट दीईस । मग थोड दिवसमा लाहानो पोया समदो पैसा जमा कर-सरी दूर मुखमा चली गयो । आनी वहाँ उधडोपनान रह-सरी आपलो पैसा गमादीस । मग ओन सर्व पैसा खर्ची भयो वरतु ओन मुखमा काड पड्यो । ओन-मुड ओ खावला मोताव भयो । तव ओ मुखको एक मानुसक पास जाय-सरी रहेनु । ओन ओला डुकर चरवला आपल वावरमा धाडीस । तव डुकर जो फोल खात होता ओक वरतु ओन आपल पोठ भरनो अशो ओला समज्यो । आखीन ओला कोणी काँहीं देखिन नही । मग शुध वरतु आय-सरी बोलीस, मोरो बापका किती सालदारला पोठभर भाकर भेटते आनी मी उपाशी मरतु । मी उठ-सरी आपलो बापकु द्या जाहुँ आखीन ओला बलहुँ, अरे वावा मी देवको कह्योको बाहर आनखी तोरो सामने पाप करे आहुँ । येक पुठ तोरो पोया बलवकी मोला बिस लागत नही । तोरो एखादे सालवशा सरीको ठेव । मग उठ-सरी ओ आपलो बापकु द्या गयो । तव ओ दूरच आहा द्रतकोमा ओला देख-कुना ओक वापला दया आयी । आखीन ओन धाय-कुना ओक गरौमा हात टाकीस वो ओका मुका लेयीस । मग पोया ओला बलवला लाग्यो, वावा देवक कह्योको बाहर वो तोरो सामने मी पाप करे आहुँ आखीन येक पुठ तोरो पोया बलवला मोला बरी लागत नही । पन वापन आपलो कामदारला सांगीस चांगलो पांघरून आन-सरी येला पेहराव आखीन ओक वोठमा मुंदी वो पायमा जोडा घाल । मग आपून खाय-पीयी-कुना मजा करवो । केनकसाठी कीं यो पोया मयो होतो तो अव जीतो भयो । वो हरायो होतो तो सपड्यो । तव वे आनन्द करव लाग्या ॥

ओन बेरा ओको मोठा पोया वावरमा होता । मग ओ घर आय-वया ओन बाजा व नाच आयकीस । तव कामदार-भितरको एक मनला बलाय-कुना ओन पुसीस, यो काय आहा । ओन ओला सांगीस कीं तोरो भाई आय आहा,

आखीन ओ तोरो वापला खुशाल भेटे आहा वल-कुना ओन मोठी पंगत करीस आहा। तव ओ राग भर-सरी भीतर जात नी होता। येकसाठी ओको वाप वाहर आय-सरी ओला समजावला लाग्यो। पन ओन वापला वलीस, देख मी दूतको वरीसको तोरी चाकरी करतु आखीन तोरी मर्जी कवकही मी तोड्यो नही। तरी मी आपले गडी वरोवर मजा करनो येकसाठी मोला काँहीं शेरीको पिला ही देयेस नही। आनी जेन तोरो पैसा किसवीनी सग नास करीस ओ तोरो पोत्या आयो तव तुन ओकसाठी मोठी पंगत देये आहास। तव ओन ओला वलीस पोत्या तूँ सारो दिन मोरो सगमा आहास। आखीन मोरी समदी जिंदगानी तोरीच आहा। पन हौस वो खुशी करनो अशो वरो होतो। कहा-कीं तोरो भाई मरो होतो अव ओ जीतो भयो वो हरप्यो होतो ओ सपड्यो ॥

[No 90.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HAL'BI.

(DISTRICT ELLICHPUR.)

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Kōni-āk mānus-lā dōi pōryā hōtā. Ō-kā bhitar^ala ēk lāhānō pōryā
Some-one man-to two sons were Them-of among one younger son-(by)
 bāp-lā bōlis, 'bābā, jō jin^agi-kō hissā mō-lā āvha
the-father-to it-was-said, 'father, which property-of share me-to may-come
 ō dē' Mag ō-na ō-lā paisā bāt diis Mag thōda
that give' Then him-by him-to money having-divided was-given Then few
 divas-mā lāhānō pōryā sam^adō paisā jamā kar-sarī dūr mulukh-
days-in the-younger son all money together made-having far country-
 mā chali gayō Ānī vahā udh^adōpanā-na rah-sarī āp^alō paisā
in having-gone went And there riotousness-with lived-having his money
 gamā-dis. Mag ō-na sarva paisā khar^achī bhayō-bar^atu ōn
squandering-was-given Then him-by all money having-spent became-after that
 mulukh-mā kād padyō Ōn-muda ō khāb-lā mōtāb bhayō Tab ō
country-in famine arose. Therefore he eating-for wanting became Then that
 mulukh-kō ēk mānus-ka pās jāy-sarī rahēnu Ō-na ō-lā dukar
country-of one man-of near having-gone he stayed Him-by him-as-for pigs
 charab-lā āp^ala bāvar-mā dhādīs. Tab dukar jō phōl khāt hōtā
feeding-for his field-in he-was-sent Then swine which husks eating were
 ō-ka bar^atu ō-na āp^ala pōt bhar^anō aśō ō-lā samajyō, ākhin
them from him-by his belly should-be-filled so him-to it-appeared, and
 ō-lā kōnī kāhī dēina nahī. Mag śudh-bar^atu āy-sarī bōlis, 'mōrō
him-to anyone anything gave not Then sense-on come-having he-said, 'my
 bāp-kā kitī sāl^adār-lā pōt-bhar bhākar bhēt^atē, ānī mī upāśī
father-of how-many servants-to belly-full bread is-got, and I with-hunger
 mar^atu. Mī uth-sarī āp^alō bāp-ku dyā jāhū ākhin ō-lā bal^ahū,
am-dying. I arisen-having my father-of near will-go and him-to will-say,
 "arē bābā, mī Dēv-kō kahyō-kō bāhar ān^akhī tōrō sām^anē pāp karē-āhū
 "O father, I God-of word-of outside and of-thee^a before sin done-have.
 Yē-ka pudha tōrō pōryā balab-kī mō-lā bēs lāgat nahī. Tōrō
This-of after thy son saying-of me-to fitness attaching is-not Thy
 ēkhādē sāl-baśā sarikō thēv'' Mag uth-sarī āp^alō bāp-ku dyā gayō.
 one house-dweller like keep'' Then arisen-having his father near he-went.

Tab ō dūra-oh āhā, it'kō-mā ō-lā dēkh-kunā ō-ka bāp-lā dayā āyī,
Then he far-indeed is, that-in him seen-having his father-to pity came,
 ākhin ō-na dhāy-kunā ō-ka garō-mā hāt tākis, vō ō-kā mukā lēyīs
and him-by run-having his neck-on hand was-thrown, and him-to kiss was-taken
 Mag pōryā ō-lā balab-lā lāgyō, 'bābā, Dēv-ka kahēnō-kō bāhai vō
Then the-son him-to tell-to began, 'father, God-of word-of outside and
 tōrō sām'nō mī pāp kaiē-āhū, ākhin yē-ka pudha tōrō pōryā balab-lā
of-thee before I sin done-have, and this-of after thy son to-say
 mō-lā barō lāgat nahī' Pan . bāp-na āp'lō kām'dār-lā sāngis,
me-to fitness attaching is-not' But the-father-by his servants-to it-was-said,
 'ohāng'lō pāngh'rūn ān-sarī yē-lā peh'rāv, ākhin ō-ka bōt-mā mundī
'good cloth brought-having this-to put-on, and his hand-on ring
 vō pāy-mā jōdā ghāl Mag āpūn khāy-piyī-kunā majā kar'bō.
and foot-on shoe put Then we eaten-drunk-having merry shall-make
 Kēn-kasāthī, kī yō pōryā maryō hōtō, tō ab jītō bhayō, vō
What-of-for, that this son dead was, he now living became, and
 harāpyō hōtō, tō sapadyō' Tab vē ānand karab lāgyā
lost was, he was-found' Then they joy to-make began

Ōn bēra ō-kō mōthā pōryā bāvar-mā hōtā Mag ō ghai āy-baryā
That time his eldest son field-in was Then he house coming-time at
 ō-na bājā va nāch āy'kis Tab kām'dār-bhutar-kō ēk-jhan-lī balāy-
him-by music and dance was-heard Then servants-among-of one man-to called-
 kunā ō-na pusīs, 'yō kāy āhā?' Ō-na ō-lā sāngis kī,
having him-by it-was-asked, 'this what is?' Him-by him-to it-was-said that,
 'tōrō bhāī āy-āhā, ākhin ō tōrō bāp-lā khusāl bhētē-āhā ba'l-kunā ō-na
'thy brother come-is, and he thy father-to safe joined-is said-having him-by
 mōthī pangat karīs-āhā' Tab ō rāg bhar-sarī bhītai jāt nī
big feast made-is' Then he (with-)anger been-filled-having inside going not
 hōtā Yē-kasāthī ō-kō bāp bābar āy-sarī ō-lā sam'jāb-lā lāgyō Pan
was This-of-for his father outside come-having him-to entreat-to began But
 ō-na bāp-lā balīs, 'dēkh, mī it'kō barīs-kō tōrī chāk'īi kar'tu,
him-by father-to it-was-said, 'see, I so-many years-of thy service am doing,
 ākhin tōrī marjī kab'kahi mī tōdyō nahī Tai mī āp'lē
and thy order ever (by-)me was-broken not But (by-)me my
 gadi harōbar majā kar'nō yē-kasāthī mō-lā kālī sēri-kō pilā
friends with feast should-be-made this-of-for me-to ever goat-of young
 hī dēyēs nahī Ānī jē-na tōrō paisā kis'bini-sang nās-karīs,
even was-given not And whom-by thy money harlots-with spent-was-made,
 ō tōrō pōryā āyō, tab tu-na ō-kasāthī mōthī pangat dēyē-āhās'
that thy son came, then thee-by his-sake-for big feast given-is'

Tab ō-na ō-lā balis, 'pōrvā, tū , sārō dīn mōrō sang-mā āhās,
 Then him-by him-to it-was-said, 'son, thou all days my company-in art,
 ākhin mōrī sam'dī jund'gānī tōrī-ch āhā Pan haus vō khuṣī
 and my all property thine-indeed is But glad and merry
 kar'nō aśō barō hōtō, kahā-kī tōrō bhāi marō hōtō, ab ō
 should-be-made so fit became, because thy brother dead was, now he
 jītō bhayō, vō harapyō hōtō, ō kapadyō'
 alive became, and lost was, he was-found'

BHUNJIĀ.

The Bhunjiā tribe was enumerated in the following districts and states of the Central Provinces in the Census of 1891 —

Name of District or State	Number of Bhunjiās
Hoshangabad	1
Raipur	6,186
Sambalpur	9
Patna	26
Kalahandi	107
TOTAL	<u>6,329</u>

According to Sherring's *Hindu Tribes and Castes*, iii, 202, they are also found in the Jeypore territory of the Madras Presidency, but they are not mentioned in the Madras Census Report for 1891, in which they have been probably mixed up with the Bhumjās

They are most numerous in the south-east of the Raipur district, 6,020 having been enumerated in the Raipur *tahsil* of that district alone

Hitherto it has been reported that the Bhunjiās have no special language of their own. The utmost that is said about them is that they speak 'a corruption of Hindī. The speech they use among themselves can always be understood, save where Gōnd words occur, which they have learned by mixing up with Gōnds'. A language called Bhunjiā was, however, reported as spoken by 2,000 people in Raipur, in the preliminary lists of language, received for this Survey, and a specimen of it has since been received.

An account of the Bhunjiās will be found on pp 94 and ff of the Report of the Ethnological Committee of the Jubbulpore Exhibition of 1866-67, and on p 190 of Mr. Robertson's Report of the Central Provinces Feudatories Census of 1891. In the latter passage they are identified with the Bhumjās of Jeypore and the country to the east of Raipur. By tradition they come from the eastern Garjat States of Sambalpur. A short vocabulary has been printed in Mr P. N. Bose's *Chhattisgarh Notes on its Tribes, Sects and Castes*. *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, Vol lxx, part I 1890, pp 287 and ff.

Bhunjiā is closely related to Hal'bi. The phonetical system and the inflection of nouns is practically the same. The genitive is apparently always formed by adding the suffix *kē*, thus, *mānush-kē*, of a man. The suffix *chō* is, however, common with pronouns, thus, *mā chō*, my, *tū-chō*, thy. In the dative we also find the suffix *lā* in addition to the usual Hal'bi suffixes *kē*, *kō*, *kā*, thus, *bābū-lā*, to the son.

With regard to pronouns we may note the form *tū-chō*, thou. The final *chō* is here probably the emphatic particle, Chhattisgarhi *ch*, Marathi *ts*; and different from *chō* in *tū-chō*, thy. Compare *kāchō*, some. Note also *hārā*, he, usually added to *hun*, thus, *hun-hārā*, he. Compare Chhattisgarhi *har*.

The inflection of verbs is mainly the same as in Hal'bi. In the verb substantive we may note forms such as *āchhē* or *āyē*, I am; *tū-chō āchhat*, thou art, *āchhē* and *āhē*, he is.

With regard to finite verbs we sometimes find *n* substituted for *l* in the past tense, thus, *kar'ni*, I did, *baini* and *bainit*, he became, *gavāy'ni*, he was lost. The final *s* in *māy'lās*, he squandered, is probably due to the influence of Chhattisgarhi. The subject of transitive verbs in the past tense is sometimes put in the case of the agent, thus, *bāpus-nē*

dhan dilō, the father gave his property But we just as often find instances such as *bābū*
bāitā nīlā, the son took his share

In the future we may note forms such as *jā:dē*, I will go , *guth:yābā*, I will say.
Khāvan, let us eat , *rahan*, let us remain, contain a suffix *an* of the first person plural.
 Compare Eastern Hindī

In most essential points, however, the specimen which follows will show that
 Bhunjā agrees with Hal'bi.

[No 91]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI.

BHUNJIA DIALECT.

(DISTRICT RAIPUR)

काचो मानुषके दू-भन पुतार रहिलो। हुँचो छोटे वावू वावासे बोलला, ऐ वावा धनसे जो माचो वाँटा आछे सो मा-चुक देहाँ। तपहर वापुसने हुनाके अपलो धन वाटून दीलो। जूगा दिन नो होइला छोटे वावू वाँटा नीला अरु वडे धूर गाँव वसूँ गेला। हुँया खराब संगमें दिन काठलो आपलो धन उड़ालो। जब हुन जमा उडावून चुकलो तपहर उन देसे वड़ो दुकाल पडलो, और हुनहारा कंगाल हुइलो। अरु हुवे देसे रहबइयामें गोटेक लगे जाहून रहुनाछे जोन हुनानचो अपलो खेतो वरहा चराओंके पठालो। अरु हुन फल जिन वरहा खानाछे अपलो पोठ भरून चाहलो। हुँनाके मांगनी कोने नही देई। तपहर हुन सुध करलो अरु गुठियान माचो वावा-लगे बहुत कमाहाको पोठसे आगर खाउंके मिलत आछे अरु मुद्र भूखे मरत आछे। मुद्र वावा-लगे उठून जाइदे, अरु गुठियावां ये वावा, मुद्र वैकुण्ठ उल्टा अरु तूचे लगे पाप करुनाछे। यदायें मुद्र तूचो वेटा कहून लायक नही आये। जिसों कमाहाका ठेवलिस हुसोइ मोको ठेव। मने गोखून उठून वावा लगे गेला। वावाने छोटे वावूला धूरसे एते लाइला मया लागला अरु धाँवते गोलो हुनाचो टोंटरा पुटारलो अरु चूमलो। वावू हुनाके गोठियायलो ऐ वापुस, मुद्र वैकुण्ठ उल्टा अरु तूचे ठावे पाप करुनाछे। यदायें मुद्र तूचो वेटा कहून लायक नही आये। वावाने कमाहासे कहलो अच्छा रिडाही आना अरु पहिरावा। अरु अँगुठीमें मुदरी पहिरावा अरु गोड़े पनही पहिरावा। तपहर अम्हीं खावन अरु सुखे रहन। योहारा माचो वावू आछे, हुनहारा मरला वैनी एदाय जीला, माचो वावू गवायनी फेर मिललो। हुनहारा खुशी करला-चो॥

वडे वावू खेते रहला। अरु घरके ठावे एइला वाजा अरु नाच गरजलो ताके सुनीला। हुनाचो कमाहाससे गोटेकके पूछला हुन काय आछे। कमाहा गोठियायलो तुमचो भाई एइला। तुमचे वावाने वनक वनक खवायला

काँई के हुनाचो बने पायला । ये वात सुनून वड़े वावू रिस होयला, अरु भीतर नो गेला । तपहर हुनाचो वापुस वाहिर आयलो हुनाकी मनाज-के लागलो । हुनहारा वाबासे बोलला, वाबा मुझ तुमचे इतने वरस सेवा करनी अरु तुमचे कहे चलनी । तूचो मोकी भेडी पीला खाऊको कभू ना दीलास, कि मुझ अपिलो मीत संगे खुशी करून रहतो । तुमचे छोटा वावू जो किसवी संग रहलो, अरु जमा धनकी उड़ायालास वो दाँय आइला तो वनक वनक खवायलो । वाबा गोठियायला ए वावू तूचो माचो साथे आकत अरु माचो सवै तूचो आछै । तूचो छोटे भाई एइला, खुशी होजैन ठाहा । काँई के तूचो भाई मरला वैनीत हारा जिछा, गवायनी फेर मिललो ॥

[No. 91.]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABĪ

BHUNJĪĀ DIALECT.

(DISTRICT RAIPUR)

Kāchō mānush-kē dū-jhan putār rahulō. Hū-cho chhōtō bābū
A-certain man-of two-persons sons were Them-of the-younger son
 bābū-sē bōlā, 'a bābā, dhan-sē jō mā-cho bātā āchhē,
the-father-to spoke, 'O father, the-wealth-from what my share is,
 sō mā-chuk dēhā' Tap'har bāpus-nō hunā-kō ap'lō dhan
that me-to give' Then the-father-by them-to his-own wealth
 bātūn dilō Jūgā din nō hōlā chhōtē bābū bātā
having-divided was-given A-few days not became the-younger son the-share
 nīlā aru barē dhūr gāva basū gēlā Hūthā kharāb sang-
took and very far to-a-village to-live went There bad company-
 mē din kāth'lō, āp'lō dhan urālō Jab hun jamā
among days he-passed, his-own wealth he-squandered When he property
 urāvūn-ohuk'lō tap'har un dēsō barō dukāl pa'lō, au hun-hārū
had-squandered then that in-country mighty famine fell, and he
 kangāl hulō Aru huvē dēsē rah'vayā-mē gōṭōk lagō
a-beggar became And he in-country the-inhabitants-among one near
 jāhūn rahunā-chhē. Jōn hunān-cho ap'lō khētō bar'hā
having-gone lived. By-whom him-to his-own into-field swine
 charāṭ-kē pathālō, aru hun phal jin bar'hā khānā-ohhē, ap'lō
feeding-for was-sent, and those fruits which the-swine eating-were, his-own
 pōt bharūn ohāh'lō Hūnā-kē māg'nī kōnē nahī dēi Tap'har
belly to-fill he-wished Him-to alms anybody not gives. Then
 hun sudh kar'lō, aru gūthiyān, 'mā-cho bābā lagē bahut
by-him senses were made; and said, 'my father near-to many
 kamāhā-kō pōṭ-sē āgar khāū-kē milat-āchhē, aru mu bhūkhē marat
servants-to belly-than more to-eat got-is, and I hungry dying
 āchhē Mu bābā-lagē uthūn jāidē, aru gūthiyābā, "yē bābū,
am I father-near having-arisen will-go, and will-say, "O father,
 mu baikuntha ul'tā, aru tū-cho lagē pāp karunā-ohhē Yadāyē
by-me heaven against, and thee-of near sin done-is Hencefor th
 mu tū-cho bētā kahūn lāyak nahī āyē. Jisō kamāhā-kā ṭhēv'is,
I thy son to-be-called worthy not am. As the-servants thou-keepest,
 husōi mō-kō thēv'' Maṇē gōkhūn uthūn bābā lagē
so me keep.''' In-mind having-thought having-arisen the-father near

gēlā Bābā-nē ohhōtē bābū-lā dhūr-sē ētē lāh'lā,
he-went The-father-by the-younger son-to distance-from coming it-was-seen,
 mayā lāg'lā, aru dhāv'tē gōlō, hunā-chō tōt'rā puṭār'lō, aru
compassion came, and running he-went, him-of neck embraced, and
 chūm'lō Bābū hunā-kē gōṭhiyāy'lō, 'ai bāpus, muī baikunṭha ul'tā
kissed The-son him-to said, 'O father, I heaven against
 aru tū-chē thāvē pāp karunā-chohē Yadāyē muī tū-chō bētā kahūn
and thee-of near sin done-is. Therefore I thy son to-be-called
 lāyak nahī āyē ' Bābā-nē kamāhā-sē ' kah'lō, 'achohhā
wor thy not am' The-father-by the-servant-to it-was-said, 'good
 chhudāhī ānā, aru pahuāvā; aru āguthi-mē mud'ri pahuāvā, aru
robe bring, and put-on, and the-finger-on a-ring put, and
 gōpē pan'hi pahuāvā Tap'har ambhī khāvan, aru sukhē rahan
on-foot a-shoe put Then we will-eat, and happy will-be
 Yō-hārā mā-chō bābū āhē, hun-hārā mar'lā bamī, ēdāy jilā, mā-chō
Because my son is, he dead was, now revived, my
 bābū gavāy'nī, phēr mil'lō ' Hun-hārā khuṣī kar'lā-cho
son was-lost, again was-found' They merriment made-indeed

Barē bābū khētē rah'lā Aru ghar-kē thāvē ēlā, bājā
The-eldest son in-the-field was And the-house-of near he-came, music
 aru nāoh garaj'lō, tā-kē sunilā Hunā-chō kamāhā-ma-sē gōtēk-kē
and dance sounded, that he-heard His servants-among-from one-to
 pūohh'lā, 'hun kāy āohhē?' Kamāhā gōṭhiyāy'lō, 'tum-chō bhāi
he-asked, 'that what is?' By-the-servant it-was-said, 'thy brother
 ēlā Tum-chē bābā-nē banak banak khavāy'lā, kāi-kē hunā-chō
came Thy father-by good good feast-is-given, because-that him
 banē pāy'lā ' Yē bāt sunūn barē bābū ris hōy'lā, aru
safe he-received' This, thing having-heard the-elder son angry became, and
 bhitar nō gēlā Tap'har hunā-chō bāpus bāhur āy'lō, hunā-kē manāū-kē
inside not went Then him-of the-father out came, him-to enter-at-to
 lāg'lō Hun-hārā bābā-sē bō'lā, 'bābā, muī tum-chē it'nē
began By-him the-father-to it-was-spoken, 'father, by-me thee-of so-many
 baras sēvā kar'nī, aru tum-chē kahē chal'nī. Tū-chō mō-kē bhēpī
years service was-done, and thee-of order was-obeyed You me-to sheep-
 pīlā khāū-kō kabhū nā dilās, ki muī apilō mit-sangē khuṣī
young-one eating-for ever not gave, that I my own friends-with merriment
 karūn rah'tō Tum-chē ohhōfā bābū jō kis'bi sang rah'lō,
having-made might-have-been Thy younger son who harlots with lived,
 aru jamā-dhan-kē uṛāy'lās, vō dāy āilā, tō banak banak
and property squandered, he when came, then good good
 khavāy'lō ' Bābā gōṭhiyāy'lā, 'ē bābū, tū-chō mā chō sāthē āchhat,
feast-is given' The-father said, 'O son, thou me of with at,

MARĀṬHĪ.

aru	mā-ohō	sabaı	tū-ohō	āohhai	Tū-ohō	chhōtō	bhāi	ōlā,
and	my	all	thine	is.	Thy	younger	brother	came,
khuśi	hōñ		thāhā,	kāi-kō	tū-ohō	bhāi	mar'lā	bainit,
delight	having-become		was right,	because	thy	brother	dead	was,
hārā-jullā,	gavāy'nī,	phēi	ml'lō '					
he-alive-is,	was-lost,	again	is-found.'					

NĀHARĪ

The Nāhars were enumerated in the following districts of the Central Provinces at the Census of 1891 —

Raipur	171
Bilaspur	88
Sambalpur	37
Chhattisgarh Feudatories	442
Oriya Feudatories	256
TOTAL	994

Their dialect Nāharī has only been returned from Kanker, where the number of speakers has been estimated for the purposes of this Survey at 482

Specimens have since been received from Kanker, and they show that Nāharī is closely related to Hal'bi

The phonetical system is the same as in Hal'bi, and the inflexion of nouns is almost identical. The dative is formed by adding one of the suffixes *kē*, *l*, *kō*, *kā*, and *lā*, thus, *bāp-kē*, to the father, *būbā-kā*, to the son. In the ablative we find the suffixes *sē* and *bē* corresponding to Hal'bi *sē* and *lē*, thus, *dhan-sē*, from the property, *dhūn-bē*, from far off. In the genitive the ordinary Hal'bi suffixes are used, thus, *nāch-kō*, of dancing, *dēs-kē*, of a country. Note also forms such as *mānē-chā*, of a man, *dayā-kar'lō bad'lā*, return for compassion. In the plural we find Chhattisgarhi forms such as *mātān-sangē*, with my friends.

'My' is *mō-chō*, *mā-chō*, and *mē ē*, 'this' is *yē* and *yō*, genitive *ih-chō*, etc.

The verb substantive is inflected as in Hal'bi, thus, *āsē*, he is, *rah'lō*, *rah'lē*, *rah'lā*, he was. Peculiar forms are *āsāt*, thou art, *rah'bō*, he was.

The past tense of finite verbs is formed as in Hal'bi, thus, *chāhō*, he wished, *garlō*, he went, *ṭār'lē*, I transgressed, *kar'bē*, I did. Note forms such as *hāsīdā*, he laughed, *kar'mdā*, I did, *lās*, he came, *dilās*, he gave, etc.

Instances of the future are *jāindē*, I will go, *sānghūndē*, I will say, *dēh'chō*, I will give. Note also forms such as *khād'lū*, let us eat, *pilū*, let us drink.

The general character of the dialect will be seen from the specimens which follow. They have been received from Kanker.

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HAL'BI

NĀHARĪ DIALECT

(KANKER)

SPECIMEN I

कोन्हू मानेचा दो कड़हा आसत। हूने धूली कड़हा वूवाका साघलो,
ऐ वूवा, धनसे जो वाँटो हो हुन मको देय। पन्हाय हुन हुनाक आपला धन

वाटून दिली । खूबे दिन नई होऊन रहलो कि धूली कड़हा सबो इकठावलो दूर देश निकरून गेली, और हुवाँ अडरापन करलो । सब मालक उड़ाऊन दिलो । जवई उरकलो हुन देशमें खूब दुकाल पडलो और हुन गरीब होलो । और हुन देशके बसलो माने एकलो घरे रहलो । हुने हुन अपलोय खेत सोरोय चराऊँक पठावलो और हुन सोरोय खात रहलो हुनाचो पुटो भरलो भावलो । कोन्हा कई नई दीलास । तब चेत करलो और अपनेय बोललो, मेरे वूवा घरे कसैया ठोवलास खादलो सवन-वोरी वाचलो और मई भूखे मरिदाहा । इथावे उठून वूवा-लग जाईंदे और हुनके सांघून्दे, ऐ वूवा, संसार-वाहिरी पाप करवें अन तुचे पुरहे पाप करवें । मैं तुचे वेठा कहतले नौहौं । माचो हुन नौकर-वरावर करूक । तब हुन उठून वूवा-वग गेली । पर हुन खूबे धूरवे देखून मया करून और पराऊन टोठरे लटकून चूमले । कडहा वापके बोललो, ए वूवा संसार-वाहिरी पाप करवें अन तुचे पुरहे पाप करवें । मैं तुचे वेठा कहतले नौहौं । फेर वूवा बोललो अपलो नौकर अच्छा कपड़ा निकराला हुनाक नेसावा । और हुनाक हाथामें मुद्दो अन खाटेले आवा पाहनीले । अन हमी खादलूँ पीलूँ आनन्द करलूँ । काय कि माचो कड़हो मरू रहलो फेर जीवलो पकाये रहले फेर मिललो । तब हुन खुशी लागली ॥

हुनाचो बडे कड़हा वेडे रहलो । और जब हुन येते वखत घरे लघे अँवरलो तब मादरचो नाचचो कुलहार सुनलो । तब हुन आपला नौकर आसे हुनाक पूँछा कि यो काई आय । हुन हुनाक बोललो, तुचो दादा इलो आसे अन तुचो वूवा अच्छा खादलो, काई कि हुनाक कड़हो नगत आसे । प हुन रिस करलो और भीतर जाऊक इरादा नी रहलो । हुनाचो वूवा बाहिर इलो अन मनावलो । हुन वापके जवाब दीले, देख इतरो वरसे तुचो सेवा करिंदा अन कमे तुचा वातक नई ठारले । अन कमी बोकडो-कड़हो नी दिविस कि आपन मितान-संगे खुशी करतूँ । फेर तुचो कड़हो तुचो धनक वाइला सगे खादलो जिसे इलिस तिसे तुमी अच्छा खादवा । वूवा हुनाक बोललो ऐ कड़हो तू माचा संग सगारे दिन आसत । जो कितना आसे तुचो आय । फेर आनन्द करा खुशी करूँक चाहिवा ; काय कि ये तुचो दादा मरल रहला फेर जीवले; पकाये रहलो फेर मिललो ॥

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(STATE KANKER)

SPECIMEN I

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kōnhū	mānē-chā	dō	kar'hā	āsat	Hūnō	dhūli	kai'hā	būbā-kā
Certain	man-of	two	sons	icere	Them-from	small	son	father-to
sāngh'lō,	'ai	būbā,	dhān-sē	jō	bā'tō	hō	hun	ma-kē
said,	'O	father,	wealth-from	which	share	is	that	me-to
Panhāy	hun	hunā-k	āp'lī	dhān	bā'tūn	dilī	Khūbai	din
Then	he	him-to	his own	wealth	having distributed	gave	Many	days
nāi	hōūn	rah'lō	ki	dhūli	kar'hā	sabō	ikaṭhāv'lō	
not	having-become	remained	that	the-small	son	all	gathered-together	
dūr-dēs	mk'iūn	gailō,	aur	huvā	ad'rāpan	kar'lō,	sab	
far country-(to)	having-started	went,	and	there	bad-conduct	did,	all	
māl ka	urīūn	dilō	Jabāi	urak'lō	hun	dēs-mē	khūb	
wealth	having-squandered	gave	When	spent	that	country-in	much	
dukāl	pad'lō,	aur	hun	garib	hōlō,	aur	hun	dēs-kē
famine	fell,	and	he	poor	became,	and	that	country-of
mānō	ek'lō	gharō	rah'lō	Hūnō	hun	ap'lōy	khēt	sōrōy
man	one-of	in-house	he lived	him-by	him	his-own	field	sicne
pathāv'lō,	aur	hun	sōrōy	khēt	rah'lō	hunā-chō	putō	bhar'lō
was sent,	and	he	the-sicne	eating	remained	that-from	belly	filling
konhā	kai	nāi	dilās	Tab	chēt	kar'lō	aur	ap'nēy
Anybody	anything	not	gave	Then	sense	he-did	and	himself
bubā	gharō	kamayā	thōb'las,	khād'lō	saban-vōri	bāch'lō,	aur	maī
father	in-house	workers	lept,	eating	all-of	it-remained,	and	I
bhūkhē	maridāhā,	ithā-bē	uthūn	būbā	lag	jāindē	aur	hun-kē
hungry	dying-am,	here-from	having arisen	father-near	I will-go	and	him-to	
sānghūndī,	'ai	būbā,	sansar-bāhurī	pāp	kar'bē	an	tu-chē-pur'hē	pāp
will-speak,	'O	father,	the-world-against	sin	I-did	and	thee-of-before	sin
kar'bē	Maī	tu-chē	bētā	kahat-lē	nau-haū	Mā-chō	hun	naukar-barābar
I did	I	thy	son	to be-called	not-am	Me-to	that	se cant-like
karuk'	Tab	hun	uthūn	būbā-bag	gailō	Par	hun	khūbai
do'	Then	he	having arisen	father-near	went	But	he	much
dhūr-bē	dēkhūn	mayā	karūn	aur	parāūn	tōtrē		
far-from	having-seen	kindness	having-done	and	having-in	on-the-neck		

lat'kūn ohūm'lē Kar'hī bāp-kō bōl'lō, 'ō būbā,
having-hung kissed The-son the-father-to spoke, 'O father,
 sansār-bāhurī pāp kar'bē an tu chē-pur'hē pāp kar'bē Maī
the-world-against sin I did and thee-of-before sin did I
 tu-chē bētā lahat-bē nau-haū' Phēi būbā bōl'lō ap'lō naukaī,
thy son to-be-called not-am' Again the-father said his own (to-)servants,
 'achchhā kap'rā nik'rā-lā hunā-k nēsāṇ, aur hunā-k hāthā-mē
'good cloth take-out him cause-to-put-on, and him to the-hand-in
 muddō an khātē-lē āvā pāh'nīlē, an hanī khād'lū pilū
a-ing and the-leg-in shoes make-him-wear, and ice will-eat will-drink
 ānand kar'lū Kāy-kī mā-ohō kar'hō maiū rah'lō, phēr jiv'lō, pakāyē
joy will-do Because my son dead was, again lived, lost
 rah'lē, phēr mil'lō' Tab hun khuṣī lāg'lō
was, again is-found' Then to-him gladness was attached
 Hunā-chō baiē kar'hā bēpē rah'lō Aur jab hun yetē
His elder son in-the-field was And when he coming
 bakhat ghaṛē-laghē āvā'lō, tab mādar-ohō nāch-ohō kul'hār sun'lō Tab
time house-near arrived, then music-of dance-of noise he-heard Then
 hun āp'lā naubar āsē hunā-k pūohhā kī, 'yō kāī āy' Hun
he his-own servant was him-to asked that, 'this what is' He
 hunā-k bōl'lō, 'tu-chō dādā lō āsē, an tu-chō būbā achchhā
him-to said, 'thy brother come is, and thy father good (things)
 khād'lō, kāī-kī hunā-k kar'hō nangat āsē Pa hun ris kar'lō
ate, because-that him-to son well is But he anger made
 aur bhītar jāū-k urādā nī rah'lō Hunā-chō būbā bāhu lō an
and inside go-to wish not was Him-of father outside came and
 manā'r'lō Hun bāp-kē javāb dilē, 'dēkh, it'rō bai sē
entreated-(him) He the-father-to reply gave, 'look, so many years
 tu-chō sēvā karindā, an kabhē tu-chā bāt-ka naī tār'lē, an kabhī
thy service I-doing, and ever thy word-to not transgressed and ever
 bōk'ṛō-kar'hō nī divis kī āpan mitān-sangē khuṣī kar'tū Phēi
goat-child not gavest that my-own friends-with gladness I-might-have-done Then
 tu-chō kar'hō tu-chō dhan-k bāilā-sangē khād'lō, jisē us tīsē tumī
thy son thy wealth-to women with ate, as came so you
 achchā khād'rā' Būbā hunā k bōl'lō, 'ai kar'hō, tū mā-ohā-
good (things) gave-to-eat' The-father him-to said, 'O son, thou me-of-
 sanga sagāiē din āsat, jō-kit'nā āsē tu-chō āy Phēr ānand
with all days art, whatever is there is Then gladness
 karī khuṣī kar'k chahubā, kāy-kī vē tu-chō
having done meritment to-make was-proper, because-that this thy
 dādā mar'la rah'lā, phēr jiv'lē, pakāyē rah'lō, phēi mil'lō'
brother dead was, again lived, lost was, again is found'

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HALABI

NAHARI DIALECT

(KANKEH)

SPECIMEN II.

एकालो वाघेडो कोनटा वनमें पडदो सोववो । हुरहा खुबसे उँचेलो हुनाचो पास आपलो वीलमेसे निकरलो । हुन आरोसे वाघेडो उठलो और हुनाचो डौलौ एकले उचेलो-पर हुरहा पडलो । रीसमें ऐना वाघेडोने हुन उचेलोको वीधाना चाहो । उचेलोने अरजी करलो आपलो तुचो वोर और मोचो वोर देख । हमचो मारीदासे आपले कीया वडाई होलो । ब्रह्मचो सुनलो वाघेडोने उचेलोकी काडून दिलो । उचेलोने अर्जी करलो, कोनटा दिनमें आपलो ब्रह्मचो दाया-करलो बदला देहचो । ब्रह्मचो सुन वाघेडो हाँसीदा वन किन्द्रो परावतो । अतके दिन आसे हुन वनकी-लघे रहिया फाँदो लगावलो । वाघेडो फासलो । हुन हुनको गाय बैली कथे मारत रहिलो । वाघेडेने फाँदोसे निकरूनके खुवे चाहलो, निकरून ना सकलो । हुन दुखी होवले खुवे गागलो । हुन उचेलोने जेनला वाघेडो काडून रहलो हुन गागलो सुनलो । हुन उचेलो वाघेडोकी गागलो चिन्हलो खोजतेर हुन ठौरवा अयरलो जहाँ वाघेडो फाँदामें पडून रहवो । हुन उचेलो आपलो दातोसे फाँदेको काटलो वाघेडो छोडाऊन दिलो ॥

[No. 93]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

HALABI

NĀHARĪ DIALECT

(KANER.)

SPECIMEN II.

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION.

Ēk'lō	bāghedō	kōn'tā	ban-mē	pad'dō	sōv'rō	Hur'hā			
One	tiger	a-certain	forest-in	lying	sleeping-icas	Suddenly			
khub'sē	ūchēlō	hunā-chō	pās	āp'lō	bil-mē-sē	nīkar'lō	Hun		
many	mice	him-of	near	their-own	hole-in-from	came-out	That		
ārō-sē	bāghedō	uth'lō	aur	hunā-chō	daulau	ēk'lē	uchēlō-par	hur'hā	
noise-from	the-tiger	arose	and	his	paw	one	mouse-on	by-chance	
pad'lō	Rīs-mē	ainā	bāghedō-nē	hun	uchēlō-kō	bīdhānā	chāhō		
fell	Anger-in	having-come	the-tiger-by	that	mouse-to	to-kill	wished		
Uchēlō-nē	ar'jī	kar'lō,	'āp'lō	tu-chō	vōr	aur	mō-chō	vōr	dēkh
The-mouse-by	request	was-made,	'you	your	direction	and	my	direction	see
Ham-chō	māridā-sē	āp'lē	kēyā	badāi	hōlō	Ih-chō	sun'lō	bāghedō-nē	
Our	killing-from	your	what	greatness	will-be	This	heard	the-tiger-by	
uchēlō-kē	chhādūn	dilō	Uchēlō-nē	ar'jī	kar'lō,				
the-mouse to	having-left	was-given	The-mouse-by	statement	was-made,				
'kōn-tā	din-mē	āp'lō	ih-chō	dāyā-kar'lō	bad'lā	dēh'chō	'	Ih-chō	
'some	day-in	your-own	this-of	kindness(-of)	return	I-will-give	'	This	
sun	bāghedō	hāsīdā,	ban	kīndrō	parāvatō	Atkē	din	āsē	
having-heard	the-tiger	laughed,	forest	roaming	ran	A-few	days	were	
hun	ban-kē	laghē	rahīyā	phādō	lagāv'lō,	bāghedō	phās'lō	Hun	
that	forest-of	near	inhabitants	a-net	fixed,	the-tiger	caught	He	
hūn-kō	gāy-barlō	kathē	mārat	rahulō	Bāghedē-nē	phādō-sē			
then	cows-and-oxen	sometimes	killing	icas	The-tiger-by	the-net-from			
nīk'rūn-kē	khubē	ohāh'lō,	nīk'rūn	nā	sak'lō	Hun	dukhi		
coming-out-for	much	wished,	come-out	not	could	He	troubled		
hōv'lē	khubē	gāg'lō	Hun	uchēlō-nē	jēn-lā	bāghedō	chhādūn	rah'lō	
having-become	much	roared	That	mouse-by	which-to	the-tiger	having-left	was	
hun	gāg'lō	sun'lō	Hun	uchēlō	bāghedō-kē	gāg'lō	chīnhālō,		
that	roaring	was-heard.	That	mouse	the-tiger-of	roaring	recognized,		
khōj'tē-khōj'tē	hun	ṭhaur'vā	ayar'lō	jahā	bāghedō	phādā-mē	padūn		
searching-searching	that	place	reached	where	the-tiger	net-in	having-fallen		

rah'bō	Hum	uchelō	āp'lō	dātō sō	phādō-kō	kāt'lō	bāghedō
<i>was</i>	<i>That</i>	<i>mouse</i>	<i>its own</i>	<i>teeth-by</i>	<i>the-net-to</i>	<i>cut</i>	<i>the-tiger</i>
chhōlān		dilō,					
<i>having-released</i>		<i>gave</i>					

FREE TRANSLATION OF THE FOREGOING

Once upon a time a tiger was sleeping in a forest. Then many mice came out from their holes, close to him, and he awoke from the noise they made, and his paw fell on one of the mice. He became angry and was just going to kill the mouse, when it made the following request, 'look at yourself and at me, what greatness will come to you from killing me?' The tiger let the mouse off when he heard this, and the mouse declared that it would some day return his kindness. At which the tiger laughed and went into the forest.

Some days afterwards the men of the neighbourhood of the forest set a net and caught the tiger, who sometimes used to kill their cattle. The tiger tried hard to get out from the net, but could not do so. In his pain he roared loudly. Now the mouse which the tiger had released heard his roaring and recognised it. It sought and found the place where the tiger was lying in the net, cut the net with its sharp teeth and set the tiger free.

KAMĀRĪ OR KĀWĀRĪ

This is the language of an Aboriginal Tribe called Kamārī or Kāwār. It is returned only from the district of Raipur, as spoken by 3,743 souls. According to the Census of 1891, it is also spoken by 146 people in Bastar State, and by 120 in other parts of the Central Provinces, making a total of 4,009.

The number of people of the Kamār tribe in the Central Provinces in 1891 was as follows —

Name of District or State	
Raipur	5,205
Bilaspur	23
Sambalpur	164
Bastar	169
Kanker	187
Raigarh	13
Bamra	1,302
Rairakhol	13
Sonpur	28
Patna	375
Kalahandi	338
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	TOTAL 7,817

It will thus be seen that they are found in every Oriyā speaking District and State of the Central Provinces, and that they are strongest in Raipur and Bamra. In Raipur they are found principally in the south-east of the district.

Kamārs are a wild tribe living in the most remote jungles, and supporting themselves on jungle-fruits and small game. They are perhaps the same as the 'Kawars' described on page 99 of the report of the Ethnological Committee of the Jubbulpore Exhibition of 1866-67. Whether they are the same as the 'Kanwars' of the Central Provinces Gazetteer, page 413, is more doubtful. They must be distinguished from the Kawars or Kaurs of Chhattisgarh and the Tributary States of Chhota Nagpur.¹

It has been shown that out of the 7,817 Kamārs counted at the Census of 1891, only 4,009 have been returned as speaking the Kamārī language. The rest speak the language of their more civilised neighbours. Kamārī has hitherto been considered to be a Dravidian language, and, as such, it was classed in the Preliminary Rough List of the Languages of Raipur compiled for this Survey. A reference, however, to the specimen now received from that district, and to the following remarks, will show that it certainly belongs to the Aryan Family.

A short list of words in the dialect of the 'Komārs' has been printed by Mr. P. N. Bose, in his *Chhattisgarh Notes on its Tribes, Sects and Castes*. *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, Vol. lxx, Part 1, 1890, pp. 289 and f. It is too short to add anything to the materials contained in the specimen printed below.

Kamārī is a dialect of the same stamp as Hal'bi. It agrees with some Aryan languages in some points, and with others in others. Forms and idioms belonging to Chhattisgarhī, Oriyā and Marāthī are mechanically mixed together. There is even less of

¹ In the Census Report of the Central Provinces for 1891 the Kamārs and Kawars appear separately in the Caste-Tables. The Kawars are No. 27 in Group II(a) (Cultivators), Class A (Agricultural). The Kamārs are No. 13 in Group IV (Forest and Hill Tribes) of the same class.

uniformity in Kamārī than in Hal'bi, and the dialect has every appearance of having been adopted at a comparatively recent period. So little has it been assimilated that even the use of the various case-suffixes is vague and uncertain. The form *hunā-ohē*, from the demonstrative pronoun *hun*, occurs for instance as a genitive, as a dative, and even as a nominative.

The Kamars are stated to resemble the Gōnds in appearance, and it is very probable that their original dialect was some form of Gōndī. The general character of their present form of speech will be seen from the specimen, and I shall here only draw attention to some of its principal features.

The phonetical system is the same as in Hal'bi, and closely akin to Ohhattisgarhī. Compare *kūi jāt*, some one, *bāṭā*, share, *āchhē*, is.

The inflection of nouns also agrees with Hal'bi in so far as the oblique form does not differ from the base, and there does not exist a proper plural. Thus, *dēs-mē*, in a country, *majm-kō*, to the servants.

The usual case suffixes are,—

Instr	<i>nē</i>
Dat	<i>kō</i>
Abl	<i>sē</i>
Gen	<i>kē, kā, dē</i>
Loc	<i>mē</i>

Thus, *abhār-kē ut'tā*, against Heaven, *nāchā-dē śabad*, the sound of danoing, *apan-kā gāg'rā*, your son.

The personal pronouns usually take the plural form, thus, *am*, I. They form their genitive by adding *ohō*, *chā*, or *chē*, thus, *ām-ohō kar'hō*, my son, *tum-ohō sām'nē*, before you, *tum-chā bhāud*, your brother, *tum-chē chāk'rī*, your service. 'My' is, however, also *mōi*, thus, *mor bāṭā*, my share.

'He' is *hun*, to which *hai*, *ar*, and *ā* are usually added, thus, *hun har*, he, *humai-sē*, from him, *hunā chē*, his. *Har* is borrowed from Ohhattisgarhī.

The verb substantive is formed from the bases *hō* and *āchh*, thus, *hō*, he is, *āchhē*, thou art, he is, and they are. The form *āchhat*, he was, is originally the third person plural of the present tense. There are no instances of a real past tense of this verb.

The suffix *dē* which plays a great rôle in the conjugation of the finite verb in Hal'bi is also frequent in Kamārī. Thus, *kai'indē*, I do, *mar'indē*, I am dying, *jā'indē*, I will go, *bōl'indē*, *bōlādē*, and *baldē*, he said. Instead of *dē* we also find *dī*, thus, *dukāl parē-dī*, a famine arose, *dēv dī*, he gave. It will be seen that such forms are used as a present, a past, and a future. They are all present participles.

The true past tense is sometimes formed by adding *iyā*, and sometimes by adding *lā*, thus, *chumbiyā*, he kissed, *mviyō*, he was found, *jalā* and *jālō*, he became, *bāp-nē hu-se dēkhīyā*, *dayā kēlā*, the father saw him and had compassion. Forms such as *tum-chā hukam na fār'ū*, I did not transgress your command, *bhītar nah'ī yā*, he did not go in, correspond to the past habitual in Marāṭhī.

Future forms such as *khāv'ā*, I will eat, *bōl'vā*, I will say, also occur in Hal'bi.

In the verbal noun and the conjunctive participle we find the same mixture of dialects. Thus, *khātō*, to eat (Hal'bi), *kar'ū*, to do (Marāṭhī), *charāun*, in order to tend (mixture of Ohhattisgarhī and Marāṭhī); *kayānī*, to be called, *karā-dē*, to do, *hākār-kē*, having called (Ohhattisgarhī), *uthūn*, having arisen (Marāṭhī), and so on.

Causals are apparently formed as in Marāthī, thus, *nisāvā*, cause him to put on, *angāvā*, bring out

Irregular are *galā*, went (Oṇiyā), *malā*, died (Oṇiyā), *lēlā*, did (Marāthī), and so on

The preceding remarks will be sufficient to show the mixed character of the dialect
For further details the student is referred to the specimen which follows

[No 94]

INDO-ARYAN FAMILY.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

KAMĀRĪ OR KĀWĀRĪ DIALECT

(DISTRICT RAIPUR)

काई जात मानुसके दू गागरा आछे । एह-सोय दूधलीने वावासे
बोलादे होय वावा धन जो हो जा मोर बाँटा हो आमचो दे । तब वावा
हुन्हरको अपन धन बाँटिया । जुगे दिन न टहा कि दूधली गागरा जमा
माल इकट्ठा कर धूर देश गला । और वहाँ फंदी संग दिन गुतिया अपनो
माल हरखत जालो । जब हुन सब उडावन दीला तब हुन देशमें
बड़ा दुकाल पडेदी और हुनहर भिखारी जाला । और हुन देशके ठीला-
में एक लगे गेला ठीला जोन हुन्हरको अपन खेते बरहा चराउन बोया । और
हुन्हर हुन फोसे बरहा खायदी अपने पोठ खावाँ बोलून्दे । क्यों हुँसे कोई कुछ
न देवदी । तब हुँसे चेत हेलो और खोखईदी, आमचो बापके लगे कीधी मजूर-
को खातो कौरासे जुगे खाजा भिवेदी और अम भूखो मरून्दे । अम उठून अपन
बावा लगे जाऊन्दे और बोलवाँ कि हो बावा अम अम्भारके उलटा और तुमचो
सामने पाप केला । उदाय अम अपनका गागरा कायानी आसकी नाहीं । अम्हाँ
अपने मजूरनि बेदी एकके सामान करा । इहार सोच केला हुन उठून अपने
बाप लगे गला । पर हुन दूर ठावाँ आछे कि हुन बापने हुसे देखिया दया केला और
धावियाँ हुनसे गले पोटाया हुन चूमिया । पुत्र हुनसे बलिया होय वावा अम
अम्भारके उलटा और तुमचो सामने पाप केला । उदाय अम अपनका गागरा
कायानी आसकी नहीं । बावा अपन नौकरसे बलिया, सबसे नीको चिँदरो निगावा
हुने निसावा । और मूँदी और गोड़में पान्हो निसावा । खेला मजा केला । यहा
आमचो कड़हो आछे मला सने होजी पड़ीयो । हजियो सने तोप भिवियो । तब
हुन्हर मजा करूँ लागिया ॥

हुनाचे उड़लो कड़हो जो खेते आहत तब चलिया घर लगे एडला । तब
वाजा और नाचादे शब्द सुनेदे । हुनाचे अपन चाकरसे एकको अपन लगे
ईकारके पूछिया यहार काई जात आछे । हुनाचे हुनसे बलदे तुमचा भाउद

एड्डला । हुँसे तुमचा वावाने नगद खाजा केला हुसोय हुनाचे नगद चंगा लाहिया । यहार सुन उडलो कडहोने खुनस केला और भीतर नहीं था । हुनर-से वावा बाहिर एड्डला हुनासे मनाज राला । हुना बापसे जवाब केला दिखा-दे आम इतेक वहरसे तुमचे चाकरी करुंदे और कमूर्खही तुमचा हुकम न ठारुँ । और अपन कार्ही अम्हाँ एक मेंढो पीला नाहीं देता कि अम्हा अपन मीता सग आनंद करुंदेता । तुमचा यहार कडलो जो किसबिन सगे तुमचा माल खड्डला ज्यों-हनी अड्डला त्यों-हनी अपन हुना लिये नगद खाजा दीला । वावा हुनाचे बलिया होय कडहो तुम सव दिन अमचो संगे आछे और जो कुछ अमचा आछे सो सव तुमचा आछे । परंतु आनंद करादे और खुश हुआ-दे वाजिव आछे क्योंतो यहार तुमचा भाउद मला आछे तोई जागिया हाजियो सने तोय मिलयो ॥

TRANSLITERATION AND TRANSLATION

Kāi-jāt mānus-kē dū gāg^{rā} āchhē Ehū-sōy idh^{li}-nē
A-certain-individual man-of two sons were Them-from the-younger
 bāba-sē bōlā-dē, 'hōy bābā, dhan jō hō jā mōi bātā hō,
the-father-to spoke, 'O father, the-wealth which is which my share may-be,
 ām-chō dē' Tab bābā hun-har-kō apan dhan bātīyā Jugē dīn
me-to give' Then the-father them-to his-own property divided Many days
 na tahā kī idh^{li} gāg^{rā} jamā māl ikatthā kai dhū
not passed that the-younger son all property together having-made distant
 dēs galā, au vahā phandī sang dīn gutiyā ap^{nō} māl
country(-to) went, and there evil-people with days passing his-own property
 har^{khat} jālō Jab hun sab urā^vn-dilā tab hun dēs-mē
wasting became When he all had-squandered then that country-in
 barā dukāl parē-dī, au hun-har bhikhārī jālā Aur hun dēs-kē
a-great famine fell, and he beggar became And that country-of
 thilā-mē ēk lagē gēlā thilā, jōn hun-har-kō apan khētē bar^{hā}
countrymen-in one near he-went stayed, who him his-own fields-in swine
 oharāun bōyā Aur hun-har hun phōsē bar^{hā} khāy-dī, ap^{nē} pōt
to-feed sent And he those husks the-swine used-to-eat, his-own belly
 khāvā bōlūndē Kyō? Hūsē kōi kuchh na dēv-dī Tab hūsē
will-eat said Why? To-him anybody anything not used-to-give Then him-to
 chēt hēlō, aur khōkhaī-dī, 'ām-chō bāp-kē lagē kēdhī majū-kō
senses became, and thought, 'my father-of near how-many labourers-to
 khātō kāūrā-sē jugē khājā mivē-dī, au am bhūkhō marūndē Am
to-eat food-than more food is-got, and I from-hunger am-dying I
 uthūn apan bābā lagē jāūndē aur bōl^{vā} kī, "hō bābā,
having-arisen my-own father near am-going and I-will-say that, "O father,
 am abhār-kē ultā au tum-chō sām^{nē} pāp kēlā Udāy am apan-kā
I heaven-to opposed and thee-of before sin did Now I thy
 gāg^{rā} kāyāni ās^{kī} nāhī Amhā ap^{nē} majūr^{nī} bēdī ēk-kē
son to-be called so I-am-not Me thy-own labourers among one-of
 sāmān karā''' Ihū sōch kēlā, hun uthūn ap^{nē} bāp lagē galā
like make''' This thought he-made, he having-arisen his-own father near went
 P^{ri} hun dū thāvā āohhē kī hun bāp-nē husē dēkhiyā, dayā kēlā,
But he far-off place-in was that his father him having-seen, pity did
 aur dhāvīyā hunū-sē galē potāyā, hun chumbiyā Putra hun-sē
and running him about-the-neck embraced, him kissed The-son to-him

baliyā, 'hōi bābā, am abhāi-kō ul'tā aur tum'chō sām'nē pāp kōlā
spoke, 'O father, I heaven-to opposite and thee before sin did
 Udāy am apan-kā gūg'rā kāyānī ās'kī nahī' Bābā apan
Now I thy son to-be-called so not-am' The-father his-own
 naukar-sē baliyā, 'sab-sē nīkō ohīdarō nigāyā, hunē māsāvā Au mūdī
servants-to spoke, 'all-from good clothes bring-out, him-on put And sing
 au gōr-mē pānhō māsāvā Khāilā, majā-kēlā Yahā am-chō kar'hō
and feet-on shoes put Let us-eat, merry-let-us-make This my son
 āchhē malā-sanē, hōjī prīyō, hajīvō-sanē, tōp mīyō' 'Tab hun-har
is having-died, alive came, being-lost-from, again he-is found' Then they
 majā karī lāgiyā
arrangement to make began

Hunā-chō up'lō kar'hō jō khētō āchhat, tab chaliyā ghar lagē ēlā,
His elder son who in-fields was, then walking house near came,
 tab bājā aur nāchā-dē šabad sunēdē Hunā-chō apan chākar-sē
then music and dancing sound he-heard He his own servants-from
 ēk-kō apan lagē hākar-kē pūchhiya, 'yahār kāi jāt-āchhē?' Hunā-chō
one his-own near calling asked, 'this what going-on-is?' He
 hun sē bil-de, 'tum chī bhāud ēlā, hūsē tum-chā bābā-nō nagad
him-to spoke, 'thy brother came, for-him thy father-by good
 khājā kēlī, husōy hunā-chō nagad changā labiyā' Yahāi sun up'lō
feast was-made, because him well health, he-found' This hearing the-elder
 kar'hō-nē khunās kēlā au bhitar nahī yā Hunar-sē bābā bāhur ēlā,
son-by anger was-made and inside not went Therefore father outside came,
 hunā-se manāū-rāla Hunā bāp-sē jabāb kēlā, 'dikhā-dē, am itēk
him-to remonstrating was He the-father-to answer did, 'see, I so-many
 bachhar sē tum-chē chāk'ī karūndē au kabhūī-hō tum-chā hukam na
years-since thy service am-doing and ever-even thy orders not
 tārū Aur apau kahī āmhā ek mēhō-pilā nahī detā kī
transgressed And you ever me one sheep-young-one not gave that
 āmhā apau mitā sang ānand kārūndētā Tum-chā yahāi kar'lō jō
I my-own friends with merry might-make Thy this son who
 kis'bin sangō tum-chā māl khailā jyō-hanī aīlā, tyō-hanī apan
harlots with thy fortune ate-up as-even he-came, so-even your-Honour
 hunā hyē nagad khājā dilā' Bābā hunā-chō baliyā, 'hōy kar'hō, tum
him for good feast gave' The-father him-to spoke, 'O son, thou
 sab din am-chō sangō āchhē, au jo-kuehh am-chā āchhē sō sab tum-chā
all days me with art, and whatever mine is that all thine
 āchhē, parantu ānand-karādē aur khūs huādō vājib āchhē, kyō-tō yahār
is, but merry-make-to and pleased-to-be proper is, because this
 tum-chā bhāud malā āchhē, toī jāgiyā, hājīvō-sanē, tōy mī'yō'
thy brother dead was, and-he became-alive, having-been-lost, he is-found'

STANDARD LIST OF WORDS AND SENTENCE

English	Kōhkaṇi (Kanara)	Kōhkaṇi (Karwar)	Chitpavani (Ratnagiri)	Koṇi (Thana)
1. One .	Yōk	Ēka	Ēk	Yōk
2 Two . .	Dōn	Dōni	Dōn	Dōn .
3 Three	Tin	Tini	Tin	Tin
4 Four	Chār	Ohari	Chāi	Chār .
5 Five .	Pāṭa	Pāṭa	Pāṭa	Pāṭa
6 Six .	Sō	Sa	Sābā	Sa, or sū
7 Seven	Sat	Sāta	Sit . .	Sāt
8. Eight	Āt	Āṭa	Āṭh	Āt
9 Nine	Nōv or nav	Navva	Nañ	Nav
10 Ten .	Dhā	Dha	Dābā	Dhā
11 Twenty	Vis	Visa	Vis	Īs
12 Fifty . .	Pannās	Pannāsa	Pannās	Pannās .
13 Hundred .	Śembor	Śambhari .	Śambhar	Śambar . .
14 I .	Hāv . .	Hāvā . .	Mō	Mī, or myā .
15 Of me	Mojē . .	Ma-gelē .	Mādzho, mājhi, mādzhā	Mādzā, or māndzā
16 Mine	Mojē . . .	Ma gelē .	Mādzho, mājhi, mādzhā	Mādzā, or māndzā
17 Wo	Āmī .	Āmmī	Āmhi	Āmī, āpun .
18 Of us .	Ām-chē . .	Ām-gelē .	Ām tsō, ām chi, ām tsā	Ām-tsā .
19. Our . .	Ām ohē	Ām-gelē . .	Ām-tsō, ām-chi, ām-tsā	Ām tsā .
20 Thou	Tū	Tū . .	Tū	Tū
21 Of thee	Tujē	Tu gelē	Tudzho, tujhi, tudzhā	Tudzā
22 Thine	Tujē . . .	Tu-gelē	Tudzho, tujhi, tudzhā	Tudzā
23 You .	Tumī	Tummī . . .	Tumhi .	Tumī .
24 Of you .	Tum-chē	Tum-gelē	Tum-tsō, tum-chi, tum tsā	Tum tsā
25 Your	Tum chē .	Tum-gelē	Tum-tsō, tum-chi, tum-tsā	Tum-tsā .

IN THE VARIOUS DIALECTS OF MARĀṬHĪ.

Marāṭhī (Poonā)	Varbhāṭī Kuv'bi (Akola)	Nāggpurī (Nagpur)	Hal'bi (Bastar)	English.
Ek	Yek	Ek	Gōjōk	1 One
Dou	Dou	Dou	Dau ṭhāu	2 Two
Tin	Tin	Tin	Tin	3 Three
Chār	Chār	Chār	Chār	4 Four
Pāṭ	Pāṭ	Pāṭ	Pāch	5 Five
Sāḥ	Sāḥ, sa	Sah	Chhaḥ	6 Six
Sāt . .	Sāt	Sāt .	Sāt	7 Seven
Aṭh	Ath	Āṭh	Āṭh	8 Eight
Naū . .	Nav	Nau	Nau .	9 Nine
Dāha	Dahā, dha	Daha	Das	10 Ten
Vis .	Is, yis	Is, vis	Bis	11 Twenty
Pannas	Pannas	Pannās .	Pachās .	12 Fifty
Sambhar .	Sambar, sambhar	Samthar .	Sau	13 Hundred
Mi . .	Mi	Mi .	Mui, mai	14 I
Maḥha	Maha	Mahā, mahāḥha	Mō cho	15 Of me
Maḥha .	Maha	Maha, mahāḥha	Mō-chō	16 Mine
Amī .	Amī	Āmī .	Amī	17 We
Ām ṭā	Ām ṭā	Am ṭā .	Am chō, or amar	18 Of us.
Am ṭā .	Ām ṭā	Ām ṭā .	Am chō or amar	19 Our
Tū . .	Tā	Tā . .	Tui	20 Thou.
Tuḥha	Tuhā	Tuhā, tudḥā .	Tu-chō, or tōr	21 Of thee
Tuḥha .	Tuha	Tuhā, tudḥa .	Tu-chō, or tōr	22 Thine.
Tumī	Tumī	Tumhī	Tum .	23 You.
Tum ṭā	Tum ṭā	Tum ṭā .	Tum-chō, or tamar	24 Of you
Tum ṭā	Tum ṭā	Tum ṭā	Tum chō, or tamar	25 Your

English	Konkaṇī (Konara)	Kōṅkaṇī (Karwar)	Chitpavanī (Katnagiri)	Kōḷī (Thana)
26 He	To . . .	To	To	To .
27 Of him . . .	Tu-ohē . . .	Tu-gelē .	Tē tsō , tō-chi , tō-tsā	Tyu-tsā
28 His . . .	Tu ohē	Tu gelē	Tō tsō , tō-chi , tō tsā	Tyā tsā
29 They	Tē . . .	To	Tō , tyō , tī	Tō
30 Of them	Tā-ohē	Tā-gelē	Tēn-tsō , tēn-chi , tēn-tsā	Tyān-tsā
31 Their	Tā ohē	Tā-gelē	Tēn-tsō , tēn-chi , tēn tsā	Tyān-tsā
32 Hand . . .	Hat	Hātu	Hāt	Hāt
33 Foot	Pāy	Pāvula	Pay	Pay
34 Nose . . .	Nāk	Nāka .	Nāk	Nak
35 Eye	Ḍoḷo	Ḍoḷo	Ḍoḷo .	Ḍolā .
36 Mouth	Toṇḍ .	Toṇḍa	Toṇḍ .	Toṇḍ
37 Tooth	Dāt .	Dāntu .	Dāt	Dānt .
38 Ear	Kān	Kānū	Kān .	Kān
39 Hair . . .	Kēs	Kēsū	Kēs .	Kēs .
40 Head	Takli . . .	Matṭē	Kapā , dōkā	Ḍokō , māthā
41 Tongue	Jīb	Jība	Jibh	Jīb
42 Belly	Pot	Pota .	Pot	Pot
43 Back . . .	Pāṭh	Phāti	Path	Pat
44 Iron	Lōkāḍ	Lokhaṇḍa	Lōkhaṇḍ .	Lōkhaṇḍ
45 Gold	Bhāṅgār	Bhāṅgāra .	Sonā .	Sonā
46 Silver	Rupē .	Ruppē	Rupā	Nupa , tsāndi
47 Father	Bāpu	Bāppūsu , or ānū .	Bāpūs .	Bapus , or bāpa
48 Mother	Āvai	Āvsu	Āīs	Āyē , or āls .
49 Brother	Bhāv or bāv	Bhāvu	Bhāvās .	Bhāūs
50 Sister . . .	Bhaṇ or baṇ	Bhaṇi	Bēh*ṇīs	Baīn
51 Man . . .	Munis	Manushyu .	Mārūs	Mānus .
52 Woman	Bail munis	Bāil maunshya .	Bāyāko	Bay*ko

Marāṭhī (Poona)	Varhāṭī Kuṇṇī (Akola)	Nāgpurī (Nagpur).	Hal'bi (Faslar)	English
Tō	Tō	Tō	Hnn, or tō	26 He
Tyā tsā	Tyā-tsā	Tyā tsā	Hnn chō, hnn kō, or tā chō	27 Of him
Tyā tsā	Tyā tsā	Tyā tsā	Hnn chō, hnn-kō, or tā chō	28 His
Tō	Tō, tyō	Tō	Hnn-man, or tō man	29 They
Tyā tsā	Tyā tsā, tyāhi tsā	Tyān tsā, tyāhi tsā	Hnn man chō, or tō man chō	30 Of them
Tyā tsā	Tyā tsā, tyāhi tsā	Tyān tsā, tyāhi tsā	Hnn man-chō, or tō-man-chō	31 Their
Hāt	Hāt	Hāt	Hāth	32 Hand
Pāy	Pāy	Pay	Pāy	33 Foot.
Nāk	Nāk	Nāk	Nāk	34 Nose
Ḍoḷā	Ḍoḷā	Ḍoḷā	Alh	35 Eye
Tōḍ	Tōḍ	Tōḍ	Mū	36 Mouth
Ḍāt	Dāt	Dāt	Dāt	37 Tooth
Kān	Kān	Kān	Kān	38 Ear
Kēs	Kēs	Kes	Kēs	39 Hair
Ḍōkṣa	Ḍōkṣa	Kapāl	Māḍ	40 Head
Jibh	Jibh	Jibh	Jib	41 Tongue
Ṡōṭ	Pōṭ	Pōṭ	Pōṭ	42 Belly
Ṡāṭh	Pāṭh	Pāṭh	Pāṭh	43 Back
Lōkhaṇḍ	Lōkhaṇḍ, lōkhaṇḍ	Lōkhaṇḍ	Lōhā	44 Iron
Sōnḍ	Sōna	Sōnḍ, sōna	Sōn	45 Gold
Rupḍ	Tsāndī, rupa	Tsāndī	Rūp	46 Silver
Bāp	Bap, bāvā, bā	Bāp	Babā	47 Father
Āi	Māy, mā	Māy	Āyā	48 Mother
Bhāṭ	Bhāṭ	Bhāṭ	Dādā (or bhāl)	49 Brother
Bahṭ	Bahṭ	Bahṭ	Bōm, or bāl	50 Sister
Manushy	Mānus	Mānus	Manukh	51 Man
Strī	Lakṣimī, asturī	Bāy*Lo	Bālī	52 Woman

English.	Kōnkaṇī (Kanara)	Kōṇkaṇī (Karwar)	Chitpavani (Ratnagiri)	Kōḷī (Thana)
53 Wife	Bāṇ . .	Bāṇa	Bāyākō .	Bay ^a hō
54 Child	Bhurgē, or burgē	Chedū	Mul ^a gū	Pōi .
55 Son	Pāt	Pātu	Mul ^a gō .	Sōk ^a rā
56 Daughter	Dhūv	Dhūva	Mul ^a gi, chēd .	Sōk ^a ri
57 Slave	Gulām	Gulāmu	Gulām	Gulam
58 Cultivator	Besāgār	Knjambī	Pāy ^a kaḷō	Śāt ^a karī, kuḷ ^a bī
59 Shepherd	Gauḷī .	Boḷkada-rāktalo, or kumbā-rāḷṣo	Dhan ^a gar	Dhan ^a gar
60 God	Dēv	Dēvu	Dēv	Dēv, Par ^a mēsar
61 Devil	Dēv ^a ḷgār .	Bhūta	Bhūt	Bhūt, saitan
62 Sun	Suryo	Sūryu	Sūrya	Suryā
63 Moon	Chandr	Tsandru	Chandram	Tsand
64. Star	Neketr	Nakshatra	Tārō	Tsānnī
65 Fire	Udzo .	Udzdzo	Vistav	Āg
66 Water	Udāk	Uddāka	Pānī	Panī
67 House	Ghar	Ghara	Ghar	Ghar
68 Horse	Ghodo	Ghodo	Ghōḍo	Ghōra
69 Cow .	Gāi	Gāyī .	Gāy	Gāy
70 Dog	Suṇē	Sunē	Kutrō	Kut ^a ra
71 Cat	Maḍzar	Māḍḍzara	Māḍzar	Māḍzar
72 Cock	Kombo	Kombo	Kōmb ^a dō	Kom ^a rā
73 Duck	Hās	Badaka	Badak .	Bata
74 Ass .	Gādāv	Gādāva .	Gāḍhav .	Garav .
75 Camel	Ūṇt, or karē	Vaṇtē . .	Unt	Uṭ
76 Bird	Sukṇē	Pakshi	Pakshi, or pāk ^a rū	Pāk ^a rū
77 Go . .	Vois .	Vaisa . . .	Dzā .	Dzā
78. Eat . .	Khā	Khā . .	Khā	Khā .
79 Sit .	Bos .	Baisa . . .	Bēs	Bas

Maraṭhī (Poona)	Varhaḍī Kuṇḍī (Akola)	Nāgpurī (Nagpur)	Halabī (Bastar)	English
Bāy*ko	Nav*ri, bāy*ko, lakṣmi	Bay*ko	Mēh*rār	53 Wife
Mūl	Pōr, pōr*ga, lēk	Pōr*ga	Lēka	54 Child.
Mul*gā	Pōr*ga	Pōryā	Lēkā	55 Son
Mul*gi	Pōr*gi	Mul*gi	Lēki, or lēk	56 Daughter
Dās	Gulām	Gulām	Kabadi	57 Slave
Śēt*karī	Vavar*vālā, kun*bi	Kir*san	Nang*nyā	58 Cultivator
Dhan*gar	Dhan*gar	Dhan*gan	Chhēlyā	59 Shepherd
Dēv	Dēv, īsvar	Dēv	Bhḡ*avān	60 God.
Bhūt	Bhūt	Bhūt	Bhūt	61 Devil
Surya	Suryā	Sūry	Bēr	62 Sun
Chandra	Tsānd, Chandr*ma	Chandr	Jōn	63 Moon
Tār	Tsānni, tārā	Tsānd*ni	Tārā	64 Star
Vistā	Istō	Istō	Āig	65 Fire
Pāpi	Pāni	Pāni	Pāni	66 Water
Ghar	Ghar	Ghar	Ghar	67 House
Ghōḍa	Ghōḍā	Ghōḍā	Ghōḍa	68 Horse
Gāy	Gāy	Gāy	Gay	69 Cow
Kutrā	Kutrā	Kutrā	Kukur	70 Dog
Māndzar	Mādzar	Māndzar	Bilāi	71 Cat
Kōmb*dā	Kōm*dā	Kōmb*dā	Gāñjā	72 Cook
Badak	Badak	Badak	Hasā	73 Duck
Gādhav	Gadhā, Gadh*dā	Gādhav	Gadhī, or gadhā	74 Ass.
Uṭṭ	Ūt	Ūt	Uṭ, or hūṭ	75 Camel
Pakshī	Pakshī	Pakshī	Chirai	76 Bird.
Dzā	Dzāy, Dzā	Dzā	Jā	77 Go
Khā	Khāy, jēv	Khā	Kha	78 Eat
	Bas	Bas	Bas	79 Sit.

English	Kōnkaṇḍī (Kanara)	Kōnkaṇḍī (Karwar)	Chitpavani (Ratnagiri)	Kōḷī (Thana)
80 Come	Yo	Yo	Yē	Yō
81 Beat	Mār	Mār	Mār	Mār
82 Stand	Ube-rāv	Ub-rā	Ubhō-rōhō	Ubā rā
83 Die	Mor	Mara	Ma	Mar
84 Give	Dī	Dī	Dē	Dē, dēs
85 Run	Dhāv, or dāv	Dhāvā	Dhāv	Dhāv
86 Up	Vaīr	Vaīr	Va	Var
87 Near	Lāgī	Lāggī	Dzavā	Najik
88 Down	Sakaḷ	Taggu	Khāl'tō, khāl'tī, khāl'tā	Hōḷō
89 Far	Pōis	Dāra	Lamb	Lamb
90 Before	Ādī	Phude, mukhār	Pudhā	Purā
91 Behind	Pātī	Mākshī	Māgīr	Magārī
92 Who?	Kōṇ	Kōṇū	Kōṇ	Kōn
93 What?	Kītē	Ittē	Kītā	Kāy
94 Why?	Kityāk	Ittyā	Kī	Kalā, lanā-tō
95 And	Ānī	Ānī	Ān'khi	Ānī, ān
96 But	Panī	Dzalyārī	Pap	Pun
97 If	Tar	Dzar	Dzar	Dzar
98 Yes	Vo	Hōy	Hōy	Hōy
99 No	Nā	Nā, nhaī	Nāhī	Nāy
100 Alas	Kaṭā kaṭā	Ayyō	Arērē	Arērē, rōy rōy
101 A father	Bāpū	Ēk bāppūsu	Ēk bapūś	Bāpus, bāpā
102 Of a father	Bāpū-chē	Ekā bāpsu-gelē	Bāp'sū-tō, -ohī, -tā	Bāpās tā
103 To a father	Bāpūk	Ekā bāpsūka	Bāp'sū-hārī, bāp'sū lu	Bāpās-lā
104 From a father	Bāpū-kadūn	Ekā bāpsu-kaḍe-thavnū	Bāp'sū-pāshī	Bāpā-pāsūn
105 Two fathers	Dōn bāpū	Dog-dzāpa bāppūsa	Dōn bāpūś	Dōn bāp(us)
106 Fathers	Bāpū	Bāppūsa	Bāpūś, or bāpūś	Bāp(us)

Marāṭhī (Poona)	Varhādī Kūp bī (Akola)	Nagpurī (Nagpur)	Hal bī (Uastar)	English
Yē	Yē	Yē	Āva, āho	80 Come
Mār	Mār	Mār	Mār	81 Beat
Ubhā rāhā	Ubhā rāhē, ubhā rāhy	Ubhē rāhā	Uṭh	82 Stand
Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar	83 Die
Dē	Dē	Dē	Dēs	84 Give
ṇa	Dhāv, pay	Dhāv	Parāva	85 Run
r	Vadhar, var, var ^{atē}	Var	Ūp ^{arē}	86 Up
Dzava	Dzōd, dzōy, dzavad	Dzava	Lagē	87 Near
Khālī	Khāl ^{atē} , lhall	Khālī	Khālē	88 Down
Dūr	Līm, dur	Dūr	Dūr	89 Far
Pūrvī	Āndhī, padha, mōrē	Agōdar, pūrvī	Āgē	90 Before
Māgē	Mānga	Pāṭhī māgē	Pāṭ ^{atē}	91 Behind
Kōp	Kōn	Kōn	Kōn	92 Who
Kāy	Kāy	Kāy	Kāy	93 What
Kā	Kamhūn, kamūn	Kahūn	Kay-lājē	94 Why
Apī	Ālhin, ānī, an	Ānī	Aur, aru	95 And
Parantu	Pan	Parantu		96 But
Dzar	Dzar	Dzar		97 If
Hōy	Hō, bara, bēs	Hōy	Hōy, hā	98 Yes
Nahī	Nāhī	Nāhī	Nāī, nahī	99 No
Arērē	Arē, arē bāpā rō	Arērē	Āhā	100 Alas
Ēk bāp	Bāvā, bā	Bāp	Bābā	101 A father
Ēk bāpā-ṭā	Bāvā ṭā	Bāpā-ṭā	Bābā-ohō	102 Of a father
Ēk bāpās	Bāvā-lē	Bāpās	Bābā-kē	103 To a father
Ēk bāpā pāsūn	Bāvā-dzōḍuu	Bāpā-pāsūn	Bābā lagē lē	104 From a father
Dōn bāp	Dōn bāp	Dōn bāp	Dnī bābā	105 Two fathers
ip	Bāp	Bap	Bābā man	106 Fathers

English	Konkani (Kannara)	Konkani (Karwar)	Chitpavani (Ratnagiri)	Koiti (Thana)
107 Of fathers	Bāpā' chē	Bapsā' golō	Bap'san tsō, ohl, -tsā	Bap'san tsā, bap's tsā
108 To fathers	Bāpā'k	Bāpsā'ka	Bap'san lu, bap'sanā	Bāp's-nū
109 From fathers	Bapā'-kadūn	Bāpsā' kade thāvnū	Bap'sā'-pashtī	Bap's-pasūn, pun
110 A daughter	Yēk dhūv	Ēk dhūvn	Chēd	Sōk'ri
111 Of a daughter	Dhuvē chē	Ēk dhuvō ohō	Mul'gī tsō, chl, -tsā	Sōk'ri tsā
112 To a daughter	Dhuvēk	Ēkū dhuvōka	Mul'gis, chēdis	Sōk'ri-lu, sōk'ris
113 From a daughter	Dhuvē-kadūn	Ēkū dhuvē-kade thāvnū	Mul'gī-pashtī, chēdi-pashtī	Sōk'ri pāsūn
114 Two daughters	Dōu dhuvō	Dog-dzapa dhuvō	Dōghl mul'gyō, dōghl chēdi	Dōn sōk'rya
115 Daughters	Dhuvō	Dhuvō	Mul'gyō, chēdi	Sōk'ryā
116 Of daughters	Dhuvā'-ohē	Dhuvā' golō	Mul'gyan tsō, -chl, tsā	Sōk'ryān tsā
117 To daughters	Dhuvāk	Dhuvā'ka	Mul'gyan lu	Sōk'ryān-nū
118 From daughters	Dhuvā' kadūn	Dhuvā'-kade-thāvnū	Mul'gyā'-pashtī	Sōk'ryā' pāsūn
119 A good man	Yēk bore munis	Ēkn baro manushyu	Tsang'lē māpūs	Bara munus
120 Of a good man	Yekā boryā mun'sa-ohē	Ēka baryā manushya golō	Tsāng'lē māp'sā tsā	Barya man'sā-tsā
121 To a good man	Yekā boryā mun'sāk	Ēka baryā manushyaka	Tsang'lē man'sā-lā	Baryā mān'sā-lū
122 From a good man	Yeka borya mun'sā-kadūn	Ēkū barya manushyā kade-thāvnū	Tsang'lē māp'sā pashtī	Barya mān'sā pāsūn
123 Two good men	Dōn bore munis	Dog-dzapa baro manushya	Dōghē tsang'lē māpūs	Dōn barē mānus
124 Good men	Bore munis	Baro manushya	Tsang'lē māpūs	Barē mānus
125 Of good men	Borē mun'sā-ohē	Barya manushyā gelē	Tsāng'lē māp'san-tsō, chl, tsā	Barē mān'sān tsā
126 To good men	Borē mun'sāk	Barya manushyāka	Tsang'lē māp'sān lā	Barē mān'sān-nū
127 From good men	Borē mun'sā kadūn	Barya manushyā-kade-thāvnū	Tsāng'lē mān'sā-pashtī	Barē man'sā-pāsūn
128 A good woman	Yēk borī bāil munis	Ēkī barī bāil manushya	Tsōkhōt bāyāko	Barī bay'ko
129 A bad boy	Yēk pād burgo	Ēka vaita ohēdlo	Vait bōdyō	Vāit pōryā
130 Good women	Borī bāil mun'sā	Baryo bāil-manushyo	Tsōkhōt bayāko	Baryā bay'kā
131 A bad girl	Yēk pād chēdū	Ēkī vāit tsālī	Vāit ohēd	Vāit pōil
132 Good	Borē	Baro, barī, barē	Tsōkhōt	Barā, tsakōt
133 Better	Bōv borē	Jastā baro, tsād baro	Pushkal tsōkhōt	T'yā-sī barā

Marāṭhī (Poona)	Varhāḍī Kupaḥī (Akola)	Nāgpurī (Nagpur)	Hal'bi (Bastar)	English
Bāpā [s]	Bāpā [s], bāpā [s]	Bāpā [s], bāpā [s]	Bābā-man oh	107. Of fathers
Bāpās	Bāpā lō, bāpā lō	Bāpās, bāpāhīs	Bābā man kō	108 To fathers
Bāpā pāsūn	Bāpā dṛōdun	Bāpā pāsūn	Bābā man lagō-lō	109 From fathers
Ek mul'gi	Pōr'gi	Pōr'gi	Lōkī	110 A daughter.
Ek muli [s]	Pōr'gi [s]	Pōrī [s]	Lōkī-cho	111. Of a daughter.
Ek mullis	Pōrī lō	Pōrīs	Lōkī-kō	112 To a daughter.
k malī pāsūn	Pōrī-dṛōdun	Pōrī pāsūn	Lōkī lagō lō	113 From a daughter
Dōn muli	Dōn pōrī	Dōn pōrī	Dui gōṭā lōkī	114 Two daughters.
Muli	Pōrī	Pōrī	Lōkī man	115 Daughters
Mulī [s]	Pōrī [s], pōrīhī [s]	Pōrī [s]	Lōkī man cho	116 Of daughters.
mulīs	Pōrī lō, pōrīhī lō	Pōrīs	Lōkī man kō	117. To daughters
Mulī pasūn	Pōrī dṛōdun, pōrīhī-dṛōdun	Pōrī pasūn	Lōkī man lagō lō	118 From daughters.
Ek tsāḡ'lyā manushy	Bhālā mānus	Ek tsāḡ'lyā mānus	Nāḡgad manukh	119 A good man.
Ek tsāḡ'lyā manushyā [s]	Bhalyā mān'ā [s]	Ek tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā [s]	Nāḡgad manukh cho	120 Of a good man
Ek tsāḡ'lyā manushyās	Bhalyā mān'ā lō	Ek tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā lō	Nāḡgad manukh lagō lō	121 To a good man.
Ek tsāḡ'lyā manushyā- pāsūn	Bhalyā mān'ā-dṛōdun	Ek tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā pāsūn	Nāḡgad manukh kō	122 From a good man
Dōn tsāḡ'lyā manushyā	Dōn bhālō mān'ā	Dōn tsāḡ'lyā mānus	Nāḡgad manukh man	123 Two good men.
Tsāḡ'lyā manushyā	Bhālō mān'ā	Tsāḡ'lyā mānus	Nāḡgad manukh man ohō	124. Good men.
Tsāḡ'lyā manushyā [s]	Bhalyā mān'ā(hī) [s]	Tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā [s]	Nāḡgad manukh man kō	125. Of good men.
tsāḡ'lyā manushyās	Bhalyā mān'ā(hī) lō	Tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā pāsūn	Nāḡgad manukh man-lagō	126 To good men.
Tsāḡ'lyā manushyā pāsūn	Bhalyā mān'ā(hī)-dṛōdun	Tsāḡ'lyā mān'ā pāsūn	Nāḡgad bāilī	127 From good men
Ek tsāḡ'lyā strī	Tsōkhōṭ lakṣmī	Ek tsāḡ'lyā bāy'kō	Bad'mās lōkī, phandī lōkī	128 A good woman.
Ek vālī mul'gā	Kharāb pōr'ga	Ek vālī mul'gā	Nāḡgad bāilī man	129 A bad boy
tsāḡ'lyā strīyā	Bhalyā lakṣmīyā	Tsāḡ'lyā bāy'kū	Bad'mās lōkī	130. Good women
Ek vālī mul'gi	Kharāb pōr'gi, harī pōr'gi, gūpā pōr'gi	Ek vālī pōr'gi	Nāḡgad '	131 A bad girl
Tsāḡ'lyā	Tsōkhōṭ, sābat, tsāḡ'lyā	Tsāḡ'lyā	Khubbō nāḡgad	132 Good.
Adhik tsāḡ'lyā	Adhik tsōkhōṭ	Tyāhān tsāḡ'lyā		133 Better

English.	Konkaṇī (Kannara)	Konkaṇī (Karwar)	Chitpāvanī (Ratnagiri)	Kōḷī (Thana)
134. Best	Bavu-ṭa borē	Uttam, uta baro, bho baro.	Sag*ṭēt isōkhot	Sag*lyā āi (or dzak*lyān) barā
135 High	Vair	Unṭa	Unṭa	Uṭa
136 Higher	Tā chē vair	Tsad unṭa	Pushkaḷ unṭa	Tya āi uṭa
137 Highest	Bavu-ṭa vair	Ati unṭa	Sag*ṭēt unṭa	Sag*lyā āi uṭa
138 A horse	Ghodo	Ēku ghodo	Ghodo	Ghōrā
139 A mare	Ghoḍī	Ēkī ghōḍī	Sāpḍ*ṇī	Ghōrī
140 Horses	Ghode	Ghode	Ghōḍe	Ghōrē
141 Mare	Ghōḍiyō	Ghōḍyo	Ghōḍyo	Ghōryā
142 A bull	Yēk baul	Ēku baul	Baul	Baul
143 A cow	Yēk gāi	Ēkī gāyī	Gāy	Gay
144 Bulls	Baul	Baula	Baul	Baul
145 Cows	Gāyo	Gāyyo	Gāyī	Gāyā
146 A dog	Yēk supē	Ēk sunē	Kutrō	Kut*ra
147 A bitch	Yēk kol*gē	Ēk baul supē	Kutnī	Kut*ri
148 Dogs	Supī	Supī	Kutrē	Kut*rē
149 Bitches	Kol*gī	Bāul supī	Kutryō	Kut*ryā
150 A he-goat	Yēk bok*ḍo	Ēku bokkōḍn	Bak*rō	Bak*rā
151 A female goat	Yēk bok*ḍī	Ēkī bokḍī	Bak*ri, sōḷī	Bak*ri
152 Goats	Bok*ḍe	Bokkḍa	Bak*rē, bōknd	Bak*rē
153 A male deer	Yēk dārḷē chitāl	Ēka dārḷē chittala	Har*ṇā	Haran
154. A female deer	Yēk bāḷē chitāl	Ēka bāḷē chittala	Harin	Har*ni
155 Deer	Chit*ṭā	Chitlā	Haripā	Haran
156 I am	Hāṇ āsā	Hāṇ āsā	Mō sā	Mī hāy
157 Thou art	Tū āsā	Tū āsā	Tū sas	Tū hay*s, or hās
158 He is	To āsā	To āsā	To sō	To hāy
159 We are	Āmī āsāṇ	Āmmī āssati	Āmhī sō	Āmī hāy
160 You are	Tumī āsāt	Tummī āssati	Tumhī sā	Tumī hā

Urdu (Urdu)	Urdu (Urdu)	Urdu (Urdu)	Urdu (Urdu)	Urdu (Urdu)
Uttam	Uttam (Uttam)	Uttam (Uttam)	Uttam (Uttam)	131. Best
Uttam	Uttam	Uttam	Uttam	132. H. 3b
Adhik utam	Adhik utam	Adhik utam	Adhik utam	133. H. 3b
Adhik utam	Adhik utam	Adhik utam	Adhik utam	137. H. 3b
Ek ghajja	Ghajja, ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	138. A. 3b
Ek ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	139. A. 3b
Ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	140. H. 3b
Ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	Ghajja	141. Mar. 3b
Ek bail	Bail, gajja	Ek bail	Bail, or bail	142. A. 3b
Ek gay	Gay	Ek gay	Gay	143. A. 3b
Bail	Bail	Bail	Bail	144. Bail
Gay	Gay	Gay	Bail	145. Cows.
Ek kutra	Kutra, kutra	Ek kutra	Kutra	146. A. 3b
Ek kutri	Kutri	Ek kutri	Kutri	147. A. 3b
Kutra	Kutra	Kutra	Kutra	148. D. 3b
Kutrya	Kutrya	Kutrya	Kutrya	149. H. 3b
Ek bakri	Bakri, bakri	Bakri	Bakri	150. A. 3b
Ek bakri	Bakri, bakri	Bakri	Bakri	151. A. 3b
Bakri	Bakri, bakri	Bakri	Bakri	152. G. 3b
Ek harip	Harip	Harip	Harip	153. A. 3b
Ek harip	Harip	Harip	Harip	154. A. 3b
Harip	Harip	Harip	Harip	155. D. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	156. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	157. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	158. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	159. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	160. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	161. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	162. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	163. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	164. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	165. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	166. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	167. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	168. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	169. H. 3b
Harip	Harip, harip	Harip	Harip	170. H. 3b

English	Kōnkaṇi (Kanara)	Kōnkaṇi (Karwar)	Chitpāvanī (Ratnagiri)	Kōḷi (Thana)
161 They are . .	Te āsāt	Te āssatī	Tē sat .	Tē hān, or hāt .
162 I was .	Hāv āsullō	Hāvā āśullō .	Mē salō .	Mī hōtū .
163 Thou wast .	Tū āsullōi	Tū āśullo . .	Tū salos	Tū hotās, or vhatās
164 He was .	To āsullo	To āśullo	To salo .	Tō hotā, or vhatā .
165 We were	Āmī āsulle	Āmmī āśulle	Āmhi salō . .	Āmī hōtū, or vhatū
166 You were	Tumī āsulle	Tummī āśulle	Tumhi salēt .	Tumī hotāv, hotās, or vī
167 They were	Te āsulle	Te āśulle .	Tē salō .	Tē hotē . .
168 Be .	Āsū	Raba, rava . . .	Rehē, hō	Hō, as . .
169 To be .	Ās chē, āsōk	Ās chē	Sapā	Ās*nā, hō-nā
170 Being	Āsat	Āstanā	Satā	Hōt, āsat .
171 Having been . .	Āsūn, āson .	Āssūnū	Salō satā, sōv*ni .	Hōūn-sī . .
172 I may be . .	Hāvē urye	Hāvē āśyeda	Mē sēn . .	Mī āsan . .
173 I shall be . .	Hāv urtolō .	Hāvā āssanā	Mē sēn .	Mī āsan . .
174 I should be	Hāvē uru-dzāi .	Hāvē ās kādza	As*ṇār salō, mē saivā	Mī āsāvā tsā . .
175 Beat	Mār .	Mārī .	Mār .	Mār .
176 To beat	Mār-chē .	Mār-chē . .	Mār*ṇā .	Mār nā .
177 Beating . .	Mārīt	Mārīta . .	Mārīt . .	Mārīt . .
178. Having beaten .	Mārūn .	Mārū	Mār*ni	Mārūn-sī ,
179 I beat	Hāv mārā . . .	Hāvā mārā . .	Mē mār*tsā .	Mī mār*tāy .
180 Thou beatest	Tū mārāi	Tū mārā	Tū mār*tsas .	Tū mār*tēs
181 He beats . .	To mārā	To mārā	Tō mār*tsō .	Tō mār*tē . .
182 We beat .	Āmī mārātū	Āmmī mārātī .	Āmhi mār*tsō . .	Āmī mār*tāy .
183 You beat .	Tumī mārāt .	Tummī mārātī . .	Tumhi mār*tsā . .	Tumī mār*tā .
184 They beat	To mārāt .	Te mārātī .	Tē mār*tsat . .	Tē mār*tān, or mār*tāt
185. I beat (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Hāvē mārlē .	Hāvē mārlē	Mē mār*lā or māy*rā .	Mīnī mār*lā . .
186. Thou beatest (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Tuvē mārlē, or -lēy	Tūvē mārlē .	Tū mār*lās or māy*rās .	Tumī mār*lās . .
187 He beat (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Tapē mārlē .	Tānnē mārlē . . .	Tēṇ mār*lān or māy*rā	Tyā nī mār*lā . . .

Varāḥi (Poonā).	Varāḥi Kupaḥ II (Akola).	Nāgpurī (Nagpur).	Hal'bi (Bastar).	English.
Tō āhet	Tō āhet (t) or hāyēt	Tō āhet	Huni āsat, or āsō	161 They are
Mi hō'3	Mi hō'3, or v'hatō	Mi hō'3	Mui rālō	162 I was
Tū hō'3	Tū hō'3, or v'hatā	Tū hō'3	Tui rālō, or rālō	163 Thou wast
Tō hō'3	Tō hō'3, or v'hatā	Tō hō'3	Hun rālō, rālō, or rālō	164 He was.
Āmhi hō'3	Āmhi hō'3, or v'hatō	Āmhi hō'3	Hami rālō	165 We were
Tamhi hō'3	Tamhi hō'3, or v'hatō	Tamhi hō'3	Tumi rālō, or mālō	166 You were
Tō hō'3	Tō hō'3, or v'hatō	Tō hō'3	Hun man rālō	167. They were.
Hō	Hō hōy, āhāy	Hōna	Hōna (?)	168. Be
Hō'3	Hō'3, āhāy, v'hatā	Hōna		169 To be
Hōt	Hōt	Hōt		170 Being
Hōna	Hōna	Hōna	Hōna	171. Having been.
Mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō, mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō	Mui hō'ndō, or hō'ndō	172 I may be
Mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō, mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō	Mui hō'ndō	173 I shall be
Mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō, mi v'hatō	Mi v'hatō	Mui hō'ndō	174 I should be
Mār	Mār, mārā	Mār	Mār	175 Beat
Mār'3	Mār'na	Mār'na	Mār'na	176 To beat.
Mār'3	Mār'at	Mār'at	Mār'at	177 Beating
Mār'3	Mār'3, mār'3ya var	Mār'3	Mār'3 bhāḥi	178 Having beaten
Mi mār'3	Mi mār'3	Mi mār'3	Mui mār'3-ō	179 I beat
Tū mār'3	Tū mār'3, or mār'3.	Tū mār'3	Tui mār'3-ō	180 Thou beatest
Tō mār'3	Tō mār'3	Tō mār'3	Hun mār'3-ō	181 He beats
Āmhi mār'3	Āmhi mār'3	Āmhi mār'3	Hami mār'3-ō	182 We beat
Tamhi mār'3	Tamhi mār'3	Tamhi mār'3	Tumi mār'3-ō	183 You beat.
Tō mār'3	Tō mār'3, or mār'3t	Tō mār'3	Huni mār'3-ō, or mār'3at	184 They beat
Mi mār'3	Mi mār'3	Mi mār'3	Mui mār'3	185. I beat (Past Tense)
Tū mār'3	Tū mār'3	Tū mār'3	Tui mār'3	186. Thou beatest (Past Tense).
Tyā nō mār'3	Tyā nō mār'3	Tyā nō mār'3	Tyā nō mār'3	187. He beat (Past Tense).

English	Kōnkaṇi (Kanara)	Kōnkaṇi (Karwar)	Chitpāvani (Ratnagiri)	Kōḷi (Thana)
188 We beat (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Āmī mārīlē	Āmmī mārīlē	Āmhi mārīlū or māyārū	Āmi mārīlū
189 You beat (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Tumī mārīlē	Tummī mārīlē	Tumhi mārīlūt or māyārūt	Tumi mārīlū
190 They beat (<i>Past Tense</i>)	Tāpī mārīlē	Tannī mārīlē	Tyāpī mārīlū or māyārū	Tyanḍzun mārīlū
191 I am beating	Hāv mārīt āsū	Hāvā mārīta āsā	Mō mārīlū ā .	Mi mārīt hāy
192 I was beating	Hāv mārīt āsullō	Hāvā mārīta āsullō	Mō mārīt salō	Mi mārītōtō or mārīt hōtū
193 I had beaten	Hāvē mārulē	Hāvē mārīlē	Mō mārīlū salū	Mi na mārīlū hōtū, or mārīlūtū
194. I may beat	Havē mariyē	Hāvē mārīyēda	Mō kōḍḍatari mārīn	Mi mārīn
195 I shall beat	Hāv mārīn	Hāvā mārīnū	Mō mārīn	Mi mārīn
196 Thou wilt beat	Tū mārītālō	Tū mārītālō	Tū mārītāl	Tā mārītāl
197 He will beat	To mārītālō	To mārītālō	Tō mārītāl	Tō mārītāl
198 We shall beat	Āmī mārītālō	Āmmī mārītālō	Āmhi mārītāl	Āmi mārītāl
199 You will beat	Tumī mārītālō	Tummī mārītālō	Tumhi mārītāl	Tumi mārītāl
200 They will beat	Te mārītālō	To mārītālō	Tō mārītāl	Tō mārītāl
201 I should beat	Hāvē mārī-dzāl	Hāvē mārī-lāḍza	Mō mārītāl	Mina mārītāl
202 I am beaten	Mākā mārīlē	Mākkā mārīlē	Mā la mārītāl	Ma la mārītāl
203 I was beaten	Mākā mārīlē	Mākkā mārīlē	Mā la mārītāl, mā-lā māyārū	Ma-lā mārītāl
204. I shall be beaten	Mākā mārītālō	Mākkā mārītālō	Mā-lā mārītāl	Ma la mārītāl
205 I go	Hāv vetā	Hāvā vattā	Mō dzātāl	Mi dzātāl
206 Thou goest	Tū vetāl	Tū vattāl	Tū dzātāl	Tā dzātāl
207 He goes	To vetāl	To vattāl	Tō dzātāl	Tō dzātāl
208 We go	Āmī vetāv	Āmmī vattāt	Āmhi dzātāl	Āmi dzātāl
209 You go	Tumī vetāt	Tummī vattāt	Tumhi dzātāl	Tumi dzātāl
210 They go	Te vetāt	Te vattāt	Tō dzātāl	Tō dzātāl, or dzātāl
211 I went	Hāv gelō	Hāvā vātugelō	Mō gelō	Mi gelō, or jōlū, etc.
212 Thou wentest	Tū gelō	Tū vātugelō	Tū gelō	Tā gelō
213 He went	To gelō	To vātugelō	Tō gelō	Tō gelō
214. We went	Āmī gele	Āmmī vātugelō	Āmhi gelō	Āmi gelō

Marathi (Roman)	Marathi (Devanagari)	Nepali (Devanagari)	Hindi (Roman)	English
Ambh mar'la	आम्ही मारला	Ambh mar'la .	Hamh mar'la .	189 We beat (Past 1)
Tambh mar'la	ताम्ही मारला	Tambh mar'la .	Tumh mar'las	189 You beat (Past 2)
Tyab'la mar'la	त्यांच्या मारला	Tyab'la mar'la	Hun man mar'la	190 They beat (Past 2)
Mi mar'at aho	मी मारत आहे	Mi mar'at aho	Mui mar'to (ah), or marun ralo	191 I am beating
Mi mar'at ho	मी मारत हो	Mi mar'at ho	Mui mar'to ralo .	192 I was beating.
Mi mar'at ho	मी मारला होता	Mi mar'at aho	Mui mar'la	193 I had beaten
Mi mar'at	मी मारल	Mya mar'at	Mui mar'anda	194 I may beat
Mi mar'at	मी मारल	Mi mar'at	Mui mar'anda	195 I shall beat
Ti mar'at	ती मारल	Tu mar'at	Tui mar'at, or mar'dis	196 Thou wilt beat.
He mar'at	हो मारत, or maral	Ho mar'at	Hui mar'at	197 He will beat.
Ambh mar'at	आम्ही मारत	Ambh mar'at	Hamh mar'at, or mar'ando	198 We shall beat.
Tambh mar'at	ताम्ही मारत, or mar'al	Tambh mar'at	Tumh mar'at, or mar'ando	199 You will beat
Tyab'la mar'at	त्यांच्या मारत	Tyab'la mar'at	Hun man mar'at, or mar'ando	200 They will beat
Mi mar'at	मी मारत	Mui mar'at	Mui mar'ando .	201 I should beat.
Mui mar'at	मी मारत	Mui mar'at aho	Mui mar'at aho	202 I am beaten.
Mui mar'at	मी मारला	Mui mar'at ho	Mui mar'at	203 I was beaten.
Mui mar'at	मी मारत हो	Mui mar'at	Mui mar'at ho	204 I shall be beaten.
Mi ja	मी जात	Mi ja	Mui ja	205 I go
Ti ja	ती जात	Ti ja (a)	Tui ja	206 Thou goest
He ja	हो जात	Ho ja	Hui ja	207 He goes
Ambh ja	आम्ही जात	Ambh ja .	Hamh ja	208 We go
Tambh ja	ताम्ही जात	Tambh ja (a)	Tumh ja	209 You go
Tyab'la ja	त्यांच्या जात	Tyab'la ja	Hun man ja	210 They go.
Mi go	मी गेल	Mi go	Mui go	211 I went
Ti go	ती गेल	Ti go (a)	Tui go	212 Thou wentest
He go	हो गेल	Ho go	Hui go	213 He went.
Ambh go	आम्ही गेल	Ambh go	Hamh go	214 We went

English	Kōshkapi (Kanara)	Konkani (Karwar)	Chitpāvani (Ratnagiri)	Koḷi (Thana)
5 You went	Tumĩ gele .	Tummĩ vaṭaṅgelo .	Tumhĩ gūlā, or gelēt .	Tumi gulā .
6 They went	Te gele .	Te vaṭaṅgelo .	Tō gelē .	Tō gēlē .
7 Go	Vota	Vaṭa	Dzā .	Dzā .
8 Going . .	Vechē .	Vaṭata .	Dzat	Dzāt .
9 Gone	Gello	Gello	Gēlēlo .	Gēlēlā .
20 What is your name ?	Tujē nāv kitē ?	Tu-gelē nāv itē ?	Tudzhā nāv kitē ?	Tudzā nav kāy ?
21. How old is this horse ?	Hyā ghodyāk kitē varsā ?	Ho ghodo kitlyā priyo-ṭao ?	Hū ghōde lā kitī varsā sat ?	Ō ghōrā kav*ro um*ri ṭāḥ bay ?
22 How far is it from here to Kashmir ?	Hāngathāvn Kāśmirāk kitlē pōs ?	Hāg-thavnū Kāśmirāka kitlē dhūr āssa ?	Īṭhāthī Kāśmīr kitī lāmb sō ?	An al Kāśmīr kav*ra lamb hōy ?
23. How many sons are there in your father's house ?	Tujyā bāpā chyā gharāt kitlē pūt āsāt ?	Tugelyā bāpsugolyā ghārā kitlē dzānā pūta āssatī ?	Tujhō bap*ā-chō gharāt kitī bōdyō sat ?	Tudzō bāpās ṭāḥ gharān kav*ro sok*ro hān ?
24 I have walked a long way to-day	Ādz hāv lamb vat ṭalālā	Āḥ hāvā sobārī vāta ṭamkalā	Mō ādz pushkal lāmb ṭalālō	Ādz mi bōv*āl dūr jol*itū
25 The son of my uncle is married to his sister	Mojyā māv*lyā ṭao pūt tā-chyā bōip-lāgī kajar dzālā	Magelyā bapolyāḡelo pūta tēgelyā bhāipika lagūā dzālā	Tē chyā bēh*ṭisī māḥyā ṭal*ta-chyā bōdyā-ṭa varhād dzhālā sō	Mādzō kākā ṭāḥ sok*ryā ṭāḥ lagin tyā ṭāḥ bāinī āi dzhālā
26 In the house is the saddle of the white horse	Gharāt dhovyā ghodyā-chē jin āsā.	Gharantū tyā dhāvya ghodyāḡelē jinā āssa.	Tō pāpādh*ro ghōḡō-ṭāḥ jin tō gharāt sō	Pāpāḡō ghōryā-ṭāḥ jin gharān hāy
27 Put the saddle upon his back	Tā chyā pāṭhar jin ghāl .	Tajjyā pāṭṭhar jinā ghāl	Tāchyā pāṭhī-var tī jin ghālā (or ṭaadhay)	Tyā ṭāḥ pāṭhī var jin ghāl
28 I have beaten his son with many stripes	Hāvē tā chyā pntāk dzāy*te mār mār*le	Hāvē tāgelyā puttāka sōbārī korde mārle	Mō tē chō mul*ḡō-lā pushkal ṭāḥbuk māy*re	Mi-na tyā-ṭāḥ sok*ryā lā murād phat*keḥ dilē
29 He is grazing cattle on the top of the hill	To ḡudyā chyā tak*ler gorvāk ṭaraitā	To tyā ḡudyā chyā turyeri gorvāka ṭarait āssa	Tyā tēḥ*dyū chō māṭhō-var tō ḡurā ṭar*vichō sō	Tō donḡ*ri ṭāḥ māṭhyā var ḡhōrā ṭāritō
30 He is sitting on a horse under that tree	To tyā rukā chyā saklā yekā ghodyār bas*lā	To tyā rukā mulāntū cī ghodyārī baṭsat āssa	Tē dzhādū-khālī tō ghōḡō-var bēs*chō sō	To tyā dzhārā burā ghōryā-var bas*te
31 His brother is taller than his sister	Tā-ṭāḥ bhāv tā chyā bāipī-vōrn nār āsā	Tāḡelo bhāva tāgelyā bhāipī-pēkhyā lāmb āssa	Tēḡō bhāūs tāchyā bēh*ṭi-pēkhyā unṭa sō	Tyā ṭāḥ bhāūs tyā ṭāḥ bāinī śivāy unṭa hāy
32 The price of that is two rupees and a half	Tā-chē mōl adīdz rupōi āsā	Tājḡē mola addēṭa rupayō	Tē chī kimmāt adīṭa inpayō sō	Tyā-chī kimmāt arīṭa rupayō hāy
33 My father lives in that small house	Modzō bāpū tyā dhuk*tyā gharāt āsā	Magelo bāppūsu tyā sāmā gharāntū rābtā	Mādzhō bāpās tē dhāk*ṭō gharāt rāḥ chō	Mādzā bāpus tyā dhāk*lyā gharān rāṭē
34 Give this rupee to him	O rupōi tā-kā dī	Hī inpayī tākkā dī	Hō rupayō tē-lā dēs .	Yō rupayā tyā lā dēs .
35 Take those rupees from him.	Tājē lād*che tō rupōi lāp gē	Tājḡē-lāḡḡi thāvnū tyō rupayō ghye	Tē rupayē tē-chō-pāshṭī ḡhō ḡhēs	Tyā ṭāḥ mēr-āi tav*re rupayō ḡhēs
36 Beat him well and bind him with ropes.	Tā-ka borē mār ānī tā kā doryēn band.	Takkā barō mārī ānī rādzvāḡō tākka bāndūnū ḡhāl	Tē-lā ṭāḡag*lō mār nī dōryān bāndh	Tyā-lā bōv sā ṭōp dēs na dōrā-āi bānd
37 Draw water from the well	Bāyit*lē udak kād	Bāiobē addāka kadī	Bāvinṭhī pāpī kādh	Bāvin-āi pānī kar
38 Walk before me .	Mojyā mukār ṭal .	Mājḡe idūra ṭamka .	Mājḡhō-pndhā ṭal .	Mādzō purō ṭāl
39 Whose boy comes behind you ?	Tujyā pāṭlyān kōṇā-ṭāḥ chēḡo yetā ?	Kōṇāḡelo chēḡko tujyā makahī yettā ?	Tujhō pāṭhī-māḡiṭhī kōṇā-ṭāḥ bōdyō yē chō sō ?	Tudzō māḡarī kōṇā-ṭāḥ sok*ra yetō ?
240 From whom did you buy that ?	Tē kōṇā kād chē tuvē mōlak ḡet*lē ?	Kōṇā lāḡḡi thāvnū tē tuvē kāp ḡhetṭilō ?	Kōṇā-pāshṭī tī tī vikāt ḡhēt*lās ?	Kōṇā-ṭāḥ mēr āi tudzōn tē vik*ṭē ḡhēt*lās ?
241 From a shopkeeper of the village	Hājḡe-chyā yekā āḡad*kārā-kād-chē.	Tyā hājḡyē-chyā ekkā āḡad*kārā-kādē	Gāvāt*lē ekā dukān*dārā-pāshṭī	Gāvā-ṭāḥ dukān*dārā mēr-āi

Marāṭhī (Poona)	Varhaḍī Kuṇ'bi (Akola)	Nagpurī (Nagpur)	Hal'bi (Bastar)	English.
Tumhī gēlā	Tumhī gēlō . . .	Tumhī gēlō . . .	Tumī gēlās . . .	215 You went
Tō gēlō . . .	Tō gēlō . . .	Tō gēlō . . .	Hun-man gēlō . . .	216 They went.
Dzā	Dzā, dzāy	Dzā	Jā, jāy'nā . . .	217 Go
Dzāt	Dzāt	Dzāt	Jātor . . .	218 Going
Gēlōla	Gēlā, gēlōlā	Gēlā	Gēlō . . .	219 Gone
Tuṇhō nā, kāy ?	Taha nāv kāy hāye ?	Tuṇḍha nāv kā ahē ?	Tuohō nav kay āyē-nā ?	220 What is your "
Hyā ghōdyā-ohē vay kay ?	Yā ghōd'myā ohī umbar kīti hāye ?	Ha ghōdā kīti vayā-ṭā ahē ?	Yē ghōdā kītrō nmar-mā nse-nā ?	221 How old is this h
Yēthūn Kāsmīr kīti lumb ahē ?	Athūn Kāsmīr kīti lām ahē ?	Kāsmīr yēthūn kīti dār ahē ?	Yahā lē Kāsmīr kītrō dār āsō-nā ?	222 How far is it from to Kashmir ?
Tuṇhyā bāpā chya gharāt kīti mulē āhet ?	Tuhyā bāpā chya gharāt kīti pōra āhet.	Tuṇhyā bāpā ohya gharī kīti pōr āhet ?	Tuohō bāp-ohō kītrō lēkā āsāt ?	223 How many sons there in your house ?
Mī adz lāmb rastī ṭāl'lō ahē	Mī āṭz lay ṭāl'lūn ālō ahe	Mī adz phar dār ṭāl'lō . .	Āj mui khubō dār hupdī- nā (or hupdīlōy)	224 I have walked a lo way to-day
Mājhya ṭāl'tyā-chya mula- chē lagna tyā-chya bahū- ṣī dzhālē	Mahyā kākā ohya pōrā-ṭā tyā-chya bahū-ṣī lagan dzhālā ahē	Mājhya ṭāl'tyā chya pōra ṣin tyā chya bahū ṣin lagn dzhālā	Mōchō kākā-ohō lēkā chō bīhāv hun-ohō bahū- saṅgō hōlī	225 The son of my nu- is married to sister
Tyā gharāt tyā pāndh'ryā ghōdyā chē tē khōgir ahē	Tyā gharā mandī tyā pāndh'ryā ghōdyā ṭāu khōgir hāye	Pāndh'ryā ghōdyā ṭāu khōgir gharāt ahē	Ghar bhītrō pānd'rā ghōdā ohō khōgir asē	226 In the house is saddle of the horse
Tē khōgir tyā-chyā pāthi- var ghāl	Tyā-ohyā pāthi-var tē khōgir ṭhiv	Tyā-chyā pāthi-var khōgir ṭāl	Khōgir-kē ghōdā-kē pāṭ nō lathā	227 Put the saddle upc his back
Tyā-chya mula la mī push kaṇ phat'kē mārīle ahēt	Mī tyā-ohyā pōrā lō lay phat'kē mār'lē ahē	Mī tyā-chyā pōrās pushkaṇ hēt mār'lē	Mui hun chō lōkū kō khubō mār'lā	228 I have beaten his so with many stripes
Tyā ṭēk'dī-chya tyā sikh'rī- var tō gurē ṭāl'rīt ahē	Tō ṭēk'dī-chyā māthyā-var dhōra ṭāl'rāt ahē	Tō ṭēk'dī-var dhōra ṭāl'rāt ahē	Bunī dōḡ'rī āp'rō gūy gōh'ṭī charāy-sē	229 He is grazing cattle the top of the hill
Tyā dzhādā khālī tō eka ghōdyā var basāt ahē	Tyā dzhādā khālī tō ghōdyā var basāt ahē	Tyā dzhādā-khālē tō ghōdyā-var basāt ahē	Hunī ghōdā āp'rō hunī rākh lēkale chag'lō āsē	230 He is sitting on horse under that tree
Tyā-ṭā bhāṭ tyā-chyā bahū-ṭēkshā adhuk unṭā ahē.	Tyā ṭā bhāṭ tyā chya bahū hūn nṭāsa ahē	Tyā ṭā bhāṭ tyā-chyā bahū- nī hūn nṭāsa ahē	Hun-ohō bhāṭ hun-ohō bahū lō dōḡg asē	231 His brother is than his sister
Tyā chī kimmat adīṭa rupayē ahē	Tyā ṭā mōl adīṭa rupayē āhō	Tyā chī kimat adīṭa rupayā ahē	Hun chō mōl dui rup'yā āṭh ana asē	232 The price of that is two rupees and a half
Mādzhā bāp tyā lahān gharāt rāh'tō	Mabā bāp tyā lahānyā gharāt rāh'tō	Mādzhā bāp tyā lahān sū gharāt rāh'tō	Mōchō bāp hunī nānī kuryā nō āsē	233 My father lives in that small house
Hā rupayā tyā-lā dō	Hā rupayā tyā lē dō	Hā rupayā tyā lē dō	Yē rup'yā hun-kē diyās	234 Give this rupee to him.
Tē rupayē tyā-chyā pāsūn ghē	Tē rupayē tyā-dzōḍūn ghē	Tyā-chya dzav'ṭūn tē ru- payē ghyā.	Hun rup'yā hun-kē māḡgūn anās	235 Take those rupees from him.
Tyā lā ṭāḡg'lē mār āpī dōrā nē bandh.	Tyā lō lay mara anī dōryahī nā bāndhā	Tyās khnb mārā an dōrā nā bāndhā	Hun-kē jugē mārās an dōrī- saṅgō bāndhā.	236 Beat him well and bind him with ropes
Tyā vīh'rītūn pānī kādh	Tyā vīh'rītūn pānī kādh	Vīh'rītūn pānī kādhā	Ohūā lē pānī ḍumū	237 Draw water from the well
Mājhya pūḡhē ṭāl .	Mahyā sām'nē ṭāl	Mājhya sām'nē ṭāl	Mōchō pur jāḡ-nā.	238 Walk before me
Tuṇhyā māḡē kōṇā ṭā mul'gā yētō ?	Tuhyā māḡga kōṇā ṭā pōr'ga yētā ?	Tuṇhyā māḡga kōṇā ṭā pōr'ga yētā ?	Kā-ohō lēkū tuohō pāṭ-pāt ēy-sē ?	239 Whose boy comes be- hind you ?
Tē ṭī kōṇā pāsūn vīkat ghēt'lō ?	Tyā kōṇa pāsūn tē vīkat ghēt'lā ?	Tu hē kōṇā-dzav'ṭūn vīkat ghēt'lā ?	Yē kā ohō ṭhān lē dhar'ṭā ?	240 From whom did you buy that ?
Tyā khōdyā chya dūkān'dārā pāsūn	Tyā khōdyā chya dūkān'vā lāy-dzav'dūn	Gāv-chyā dūkān'dārā pāsūn	Gāv-ohō gōṭōk sābhākār ṭhān lē	241 From a shopkeeper of the village